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READ
RIGHT
TO
LEFT

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Bears are the Arche of everything.



I DREAM
OF BEARS
AND AN
INVISIBLE
STORM.

FWOOSH

OH...

THIS
IS THE
DREAM I
ALWAYS
HAVE.



I HAVE
TO—

THE BEARS
ARE GOING
TO EAT ME!



AH...

I HAVE
TO RUN
AWAY.

GROWL

THEY'RE
GOING TO
EAT ME...



YURI
SHALL
CHANGE
TELOS!

Chapter
1



GINKO?!



GINKO...

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?



ARCHE IS
THE BEGINNING
AND TELOS
IS THE END.

BEARS
ARE BOTH
THE BEGINNING
AND END OF
THE WORLD.



AH...

KUREHA...

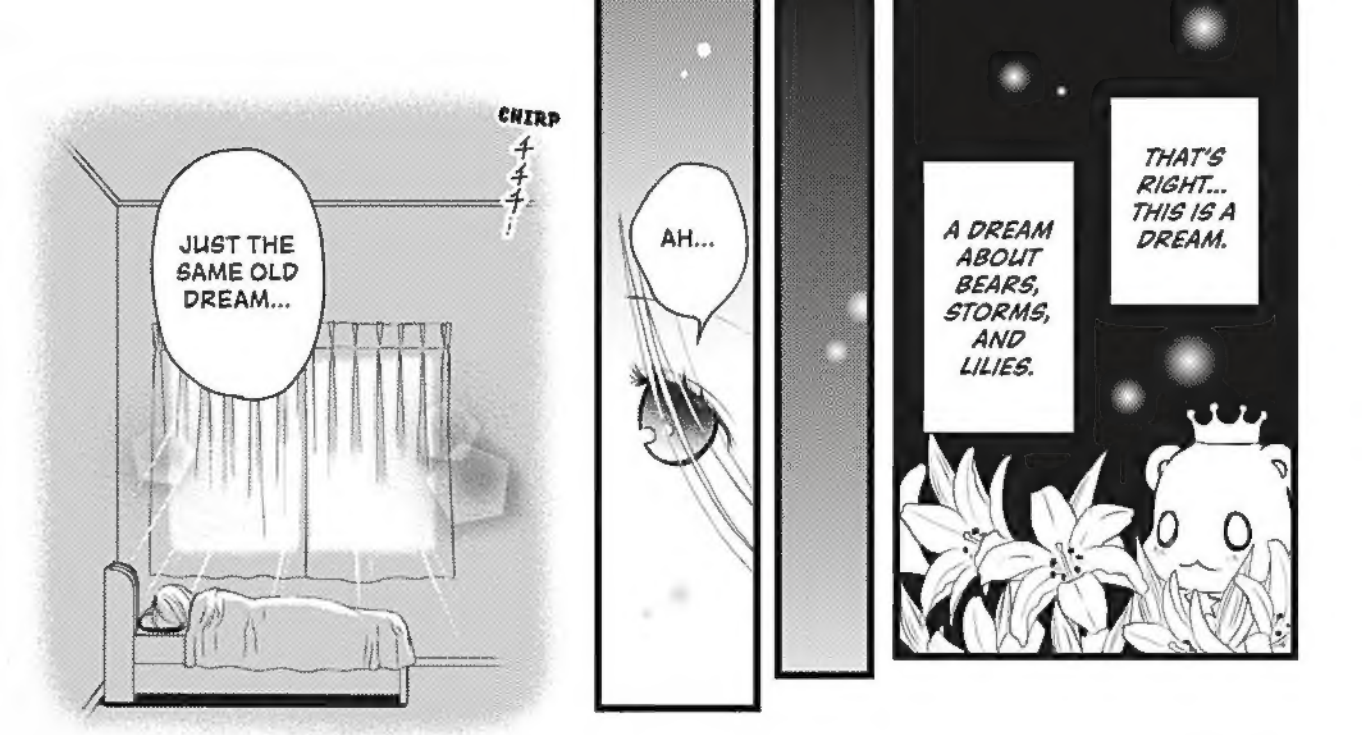


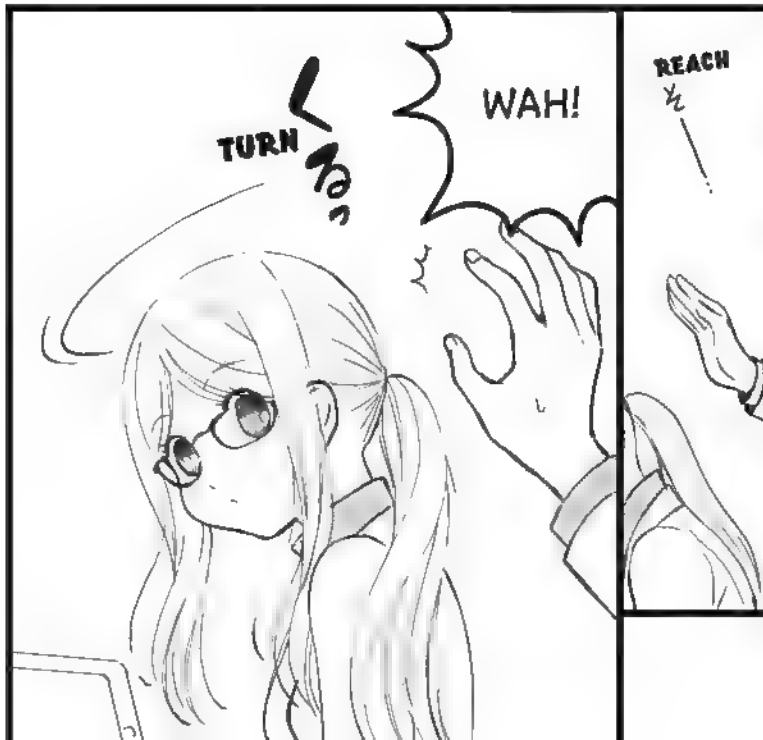
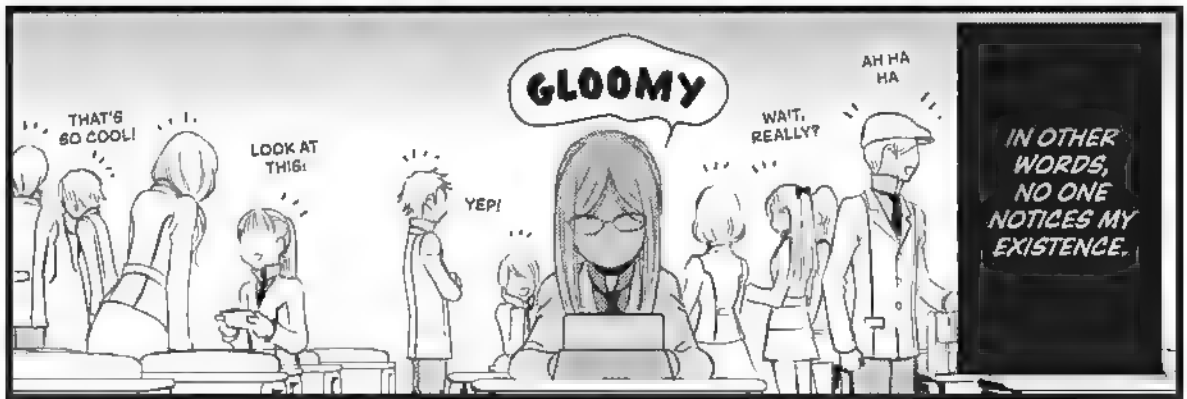
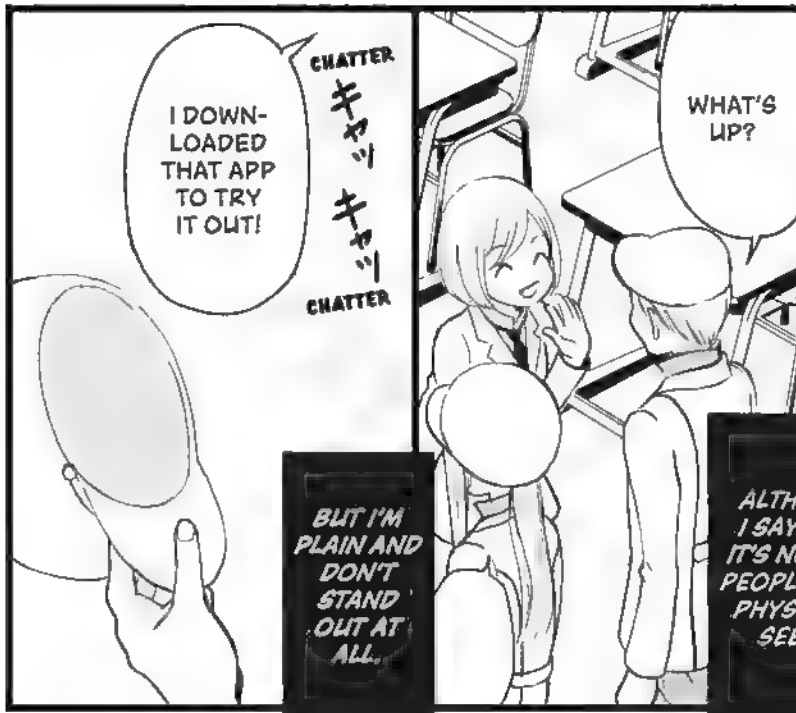
I'D STILL
FIND YOU.

*THE SCENT
OF LILIES...*

EVEN IF
THE WORLD
WAS SWEEP
UP IN AN
INVISIBLE
STORM...

ふわあ...
WAFT







SOMETHING
ABOUT IT
SEEMS OFF.



I FEEL LIKE
SHE'S HIDING
SOMETHING
BEHIND THAT
SMILE.

BUT...

HOW DID
YOU KNOW
WHAT I WAS
THINKING?!

キ
ョ
ク
JOLT

OH...
THESE ARE PC
GLASSES. THEY
DON'T HAVE A
PRESCRIPTION.



I'M ALSO
THE ONLY
PERSON
WHO HAS
REAL-
IZED...

THAT
GINKO
YURISHIRO
IS NOT
NORMAL!

IT'S
ALMOST
SCARY.

YOUR SIXTH
SENSE IS
TOO SHARP,
KUREHA!



AND
BEHAVIORS
TO UNDER-
STAND WHAT
THEY'RE
TRULY
THINKING.

IT'S
TRUE THAT
SOMETIMES I
CAN READ A
PERSON'S EX-
PRESSIONS...

I WANT
TO EAT
LUNCH.

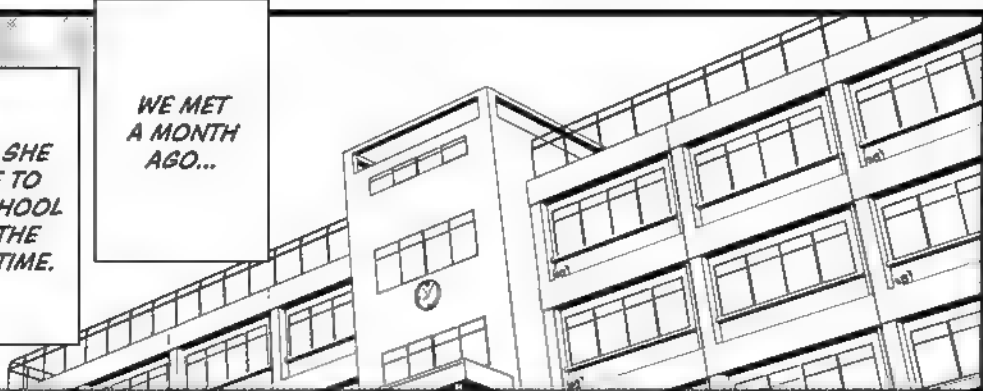
HOME-
ROOM
HASN'T
EVEN
STARTED
YET.

**INSTEAD OF
BEING HUMAN
LIKE EVERYONE
ELSE... SHE MAY
BE A BEAR!**



WHEN SHE
CAME TO
THE SCHOOL
FOR THE
FIRST TIME.

WE MET
A MONTH
AGO...



IS IT
THAT
WAY?

THAT HALL
LEADS TO
THE THIRD
YEARS'
BUILDING.

I DON'T
REMEMBER
SEEING A GIRL
AS PRETTY
AS HER
BEFORE...

LET'S SEE...
CLASSROOM
1-A...

OH, IS
SHE IN MY
CLASS?







カ
ッ
CLACK

I'M SURE NO
ONE WOULD
BELIEVE
HER EVEN
IF SHE TOLD
THEM SHE
WAS REALLY
A BEAR.

AS IF
A GIRL
THAT CUTE
COULD
BE—



IN JUST
ONE MONTH,
SHE'S MADE
FRIENDS WITH
EVERYONE.

WOW!
YOU'RE
SO COOL!

ALL
RIGHT!
THAT
MAKES IT
TEN WINS
IN A ROW!

GINKO,
YOU'RE
AMAZING!

DAMMIT!
I LOST
AGAIN!



EXCEPT
SHE'S A
BEAR.

SHE'S
LIKE THE
HEROINE
IN A
MANGA...



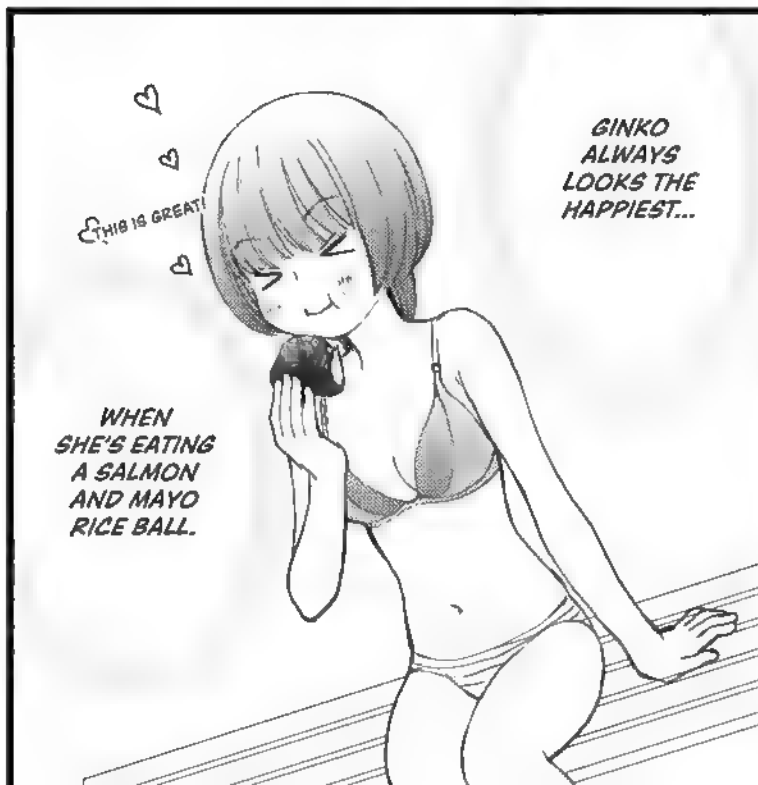
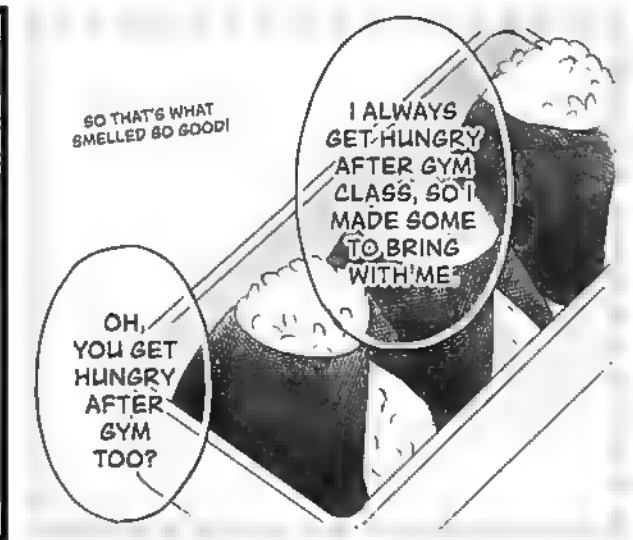
AND IT'S NOT
JUST OUR
CLASS. SHE'S
POPULAR
AROUND
THE ENTIRE
SCHOOL.

WITH THE
STUDENT
COUNCIL
PRESIDENT?
WOW!

SORRY,
BUT I PROMISED
I'D PLAY GO
WITH THE
STUDENT
COUNCIL
PRESIDENT
TODAY.

LET'S GO
TO THE
PHOTO
BOOTH
AGAIN!

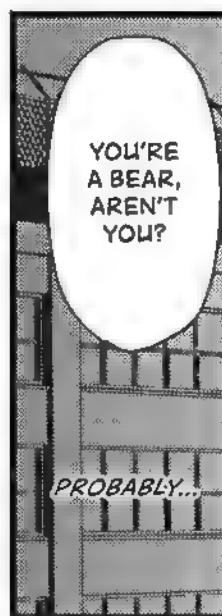
GINKO, WANT
TO STOP BY
THE ARCADE
ON THE WAY
HOME?

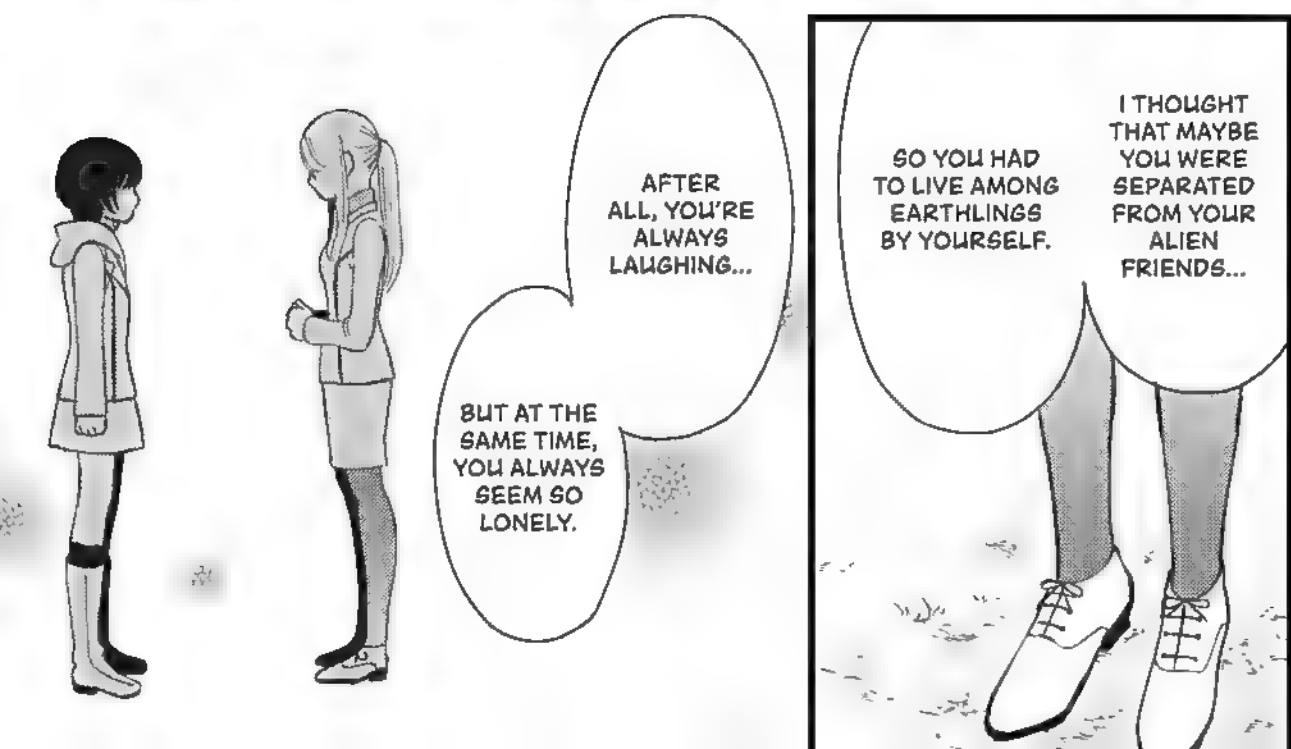
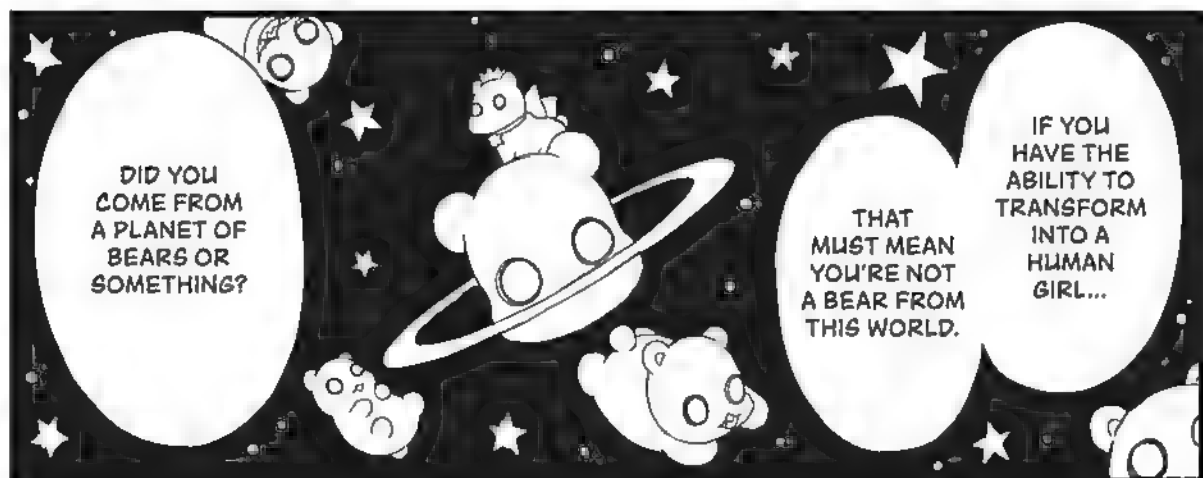






THAT'S
WHAT I
THOUGHT,
BUT...







HA HA HA HA!



Y-YOU'RE
NOT FROM
SPACE?!



HUH?

WHAT
SORT OF
DELUSION
IS THAT?

A SPACE
BEAR FROM
A PLANET
OF BEARS?



B-BUT
EARLIER,
YOU CALLED
YOURSELF
A BEAR...

DELUSION?!

OH,
THAT'S
BECAUSE...

~~~~~  
SNICKER

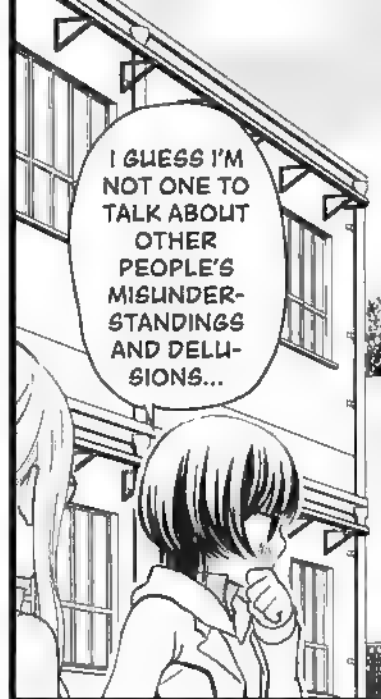
I'M A  
HUMAN!  
HO-MO  
SA-PI-  
ENS!



I'M A  
BONA FIDE  
EARTHLING,  
BORN AND  
RAISED HERE  
ON EARTH.



YOU'RE  
ALWAYS  
LOOKING  
AT ME, SO I  
THOUGHT...  
YOU MIGHT...



I GUESS I'M  
NOT ONE TO  
TALK ABOUT  
OTHER  
PEOPLE'S  
MISUNDER-  
STANDINGS  
AND DELU-  
SIONS...



?

YOU'RE...  
REALLY GOOD  
AT GUESSING  
PEOPLE'S  
EMOTIONS,  
RIGHT?



EVEN IF  
I WAS A  
SPACE  
BEAR.



KUREHA,  
YOU'RE SUCH A  
NICE PERSON!  
WILLING TO BE  
MY FRIEND...



WELL, WHATEVER

LET'S BE  
FRIENDS!

BUT I'M  
FINE WITH  
BEING  
FRIENDS,  
TOO!

HUH?!

MY  
SOULMATE.

I THINK  
I'VE  
FOUND...

THE SCENT  
OF LILIES  
THAT  
ENVELOPED  
ME...

SMELLED  
LIKE GINKO.







O-OF  
COURSE! I'D  
LOVE TO!

FRIENDS?

GRIN



?!

SO YOU  
HAVE TO  
SHOW  
YOURSELF  
TOO,  
OKAY?

I'LL SHOW  
YOU MY  
TRUE SELF.



I'D STILL  
FIND YOU.

EVEN IF THE  
WORLD WERE  
SWEEP UP IN  
AN INVISIBLE  
STORM...

MY  
TRUE...  
SELF?

YOU'RE  
ALSO  
HIDING  
SOME-  
THING.

WE'RE  
THE  
SAME,  
AFTER  
ALL.

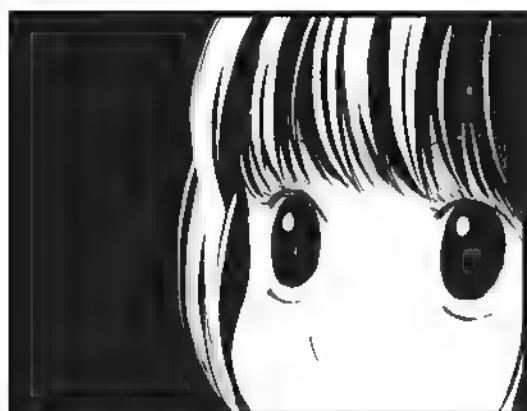




YOU'RE  
ALSO HIDING  
SOMETHING.

WE'RE  
THE  
SAME,  
AFTER  
ALL.

YOU  
HAVE TO  
SHOW  
YOURSELF  
TOO,  
OKAY?



WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT?

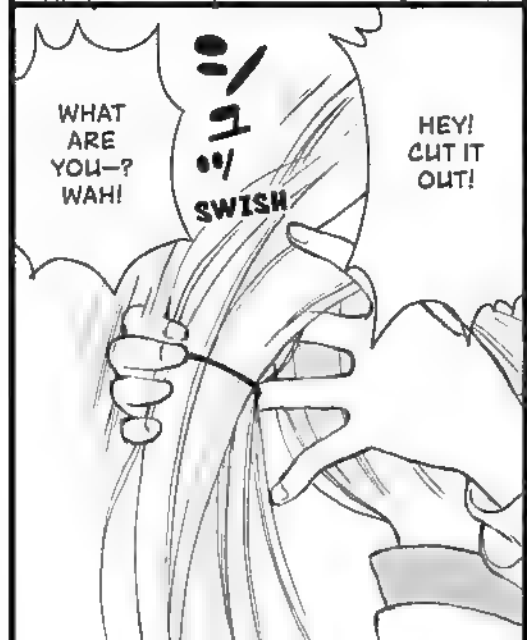
MY  
TRUE...  
SELF?



UWAH!

UWAH!  
LIFT

I'M  
TALKING  
ABOUT...  
*THIS!*



WHAT  
ARE  
YOU—?  
WAH!

UWAH!  
SWISH

HEY!  
CUT IT  
OUT!









ALL THE  
GUYS  
WOULD  
FALL FOR  
YOU. YOU'D  
BE SO  
POPULAR!

IF  
EVERYONE  
SAW YOU  
NOW, THEY'D  
BE SO  
SURPRISED!

BUT YOU  
LOOK SO  
GOOD! WHY  
WOULD  
YOU HIDE  
YOUR  
BEAUTY?

AND  
ERASE  
THAT  
PHOTO!

PLEASE  
GIVE MY  
THINGS  
BACK!

ぐぐぐぐ  
TREMBLE TREMBLE

*POPULAR?*



ARE YOU  
GOING  
BACK TO THE  
CLASSROOM  
LIKE THAT?  
IT LOOKS  
WEIRD!

WAIT A  
SECOND!

DASH

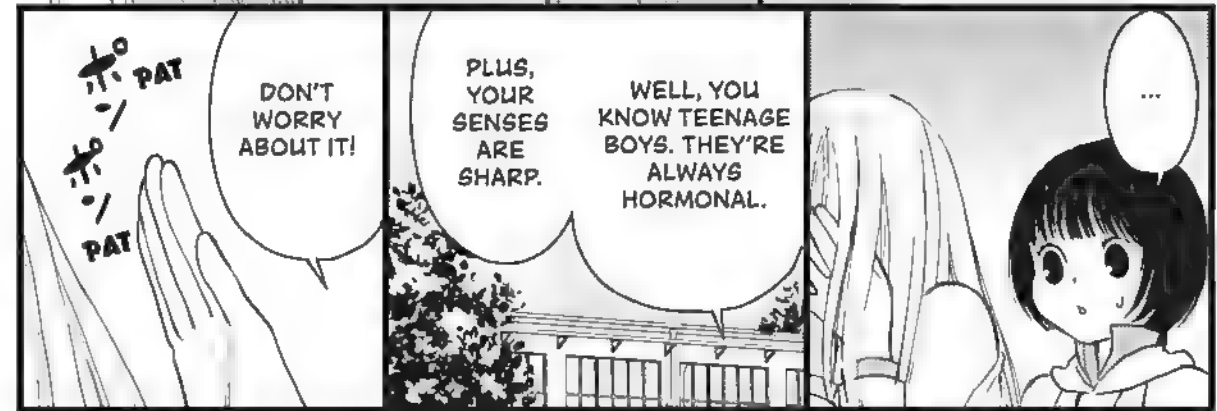
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WAH!

FWAP

I'M GOING  
HOME!

I-I'M FINE  
THE WAY I  
AM NOW!





I'M IN AN  
INVISIBLE  
STORM, AND  
BLOODTHIRSTY  
BEARS  
APPEAR.

I TRY TO  
RUN AWAY,  
BUT MY  
BODY WON'T  
MOVE.



A  
DREAM  
ABOUT  
BEARS?



THEN...  
THEY  
EAT ME.



I'M  
AFRAID  
TO FALL  
ASLEEP.

IN THE  
MORNING,  
I'M EVEN  
SCARED  
TO GO TO  
SCHOOL.



BUT EVEN  
THEN, I'M  
SCARED.

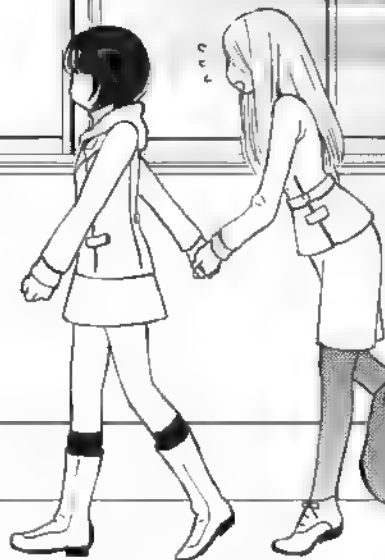
THAT'S  
WHY I'VE  
ALWAYS  
TRIED NOT  
TO STAND  
OUT...







TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP  
ズラズラズラズラズラ



BUT...  
WHAT IF  
HE COMES  
AFTER  
US?

DON'T  
TURN  
AROUND.

YANK



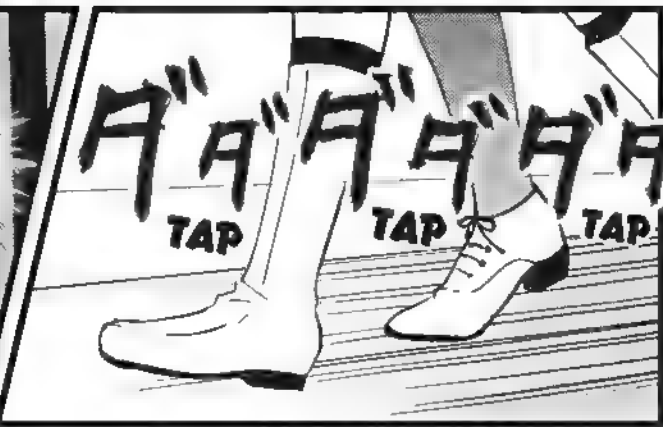
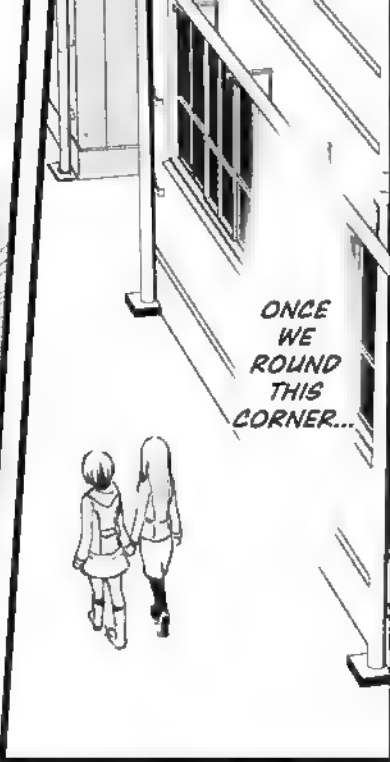
HER  
HAND  
IS...

AH...

EVERY-  
THING WILL  
BE FINE.

OKAY...







SORRY TO  
SURPRISE  
YOU.

WHAT'S  
WRONG,  
GINKO?

THE  
STUDENT  
COUNCIL  
PRESIDENT?!



TURN  
LEFT AT THE  
CORNER AND  
LOOK BEHIND  
THE SCIENCE  
LABS!

LET'S  
GO!



WHOOOPS.

THAT'S  
AS FAR  
AS YOU  
GO,  
LITTLE  
LADY.



WE WERE  
JUST  
FLASHED  
BY AN  
EXHIBI-  
TIONIST!

PERFECT  
TIMING!

ON THE  
SCHOOL  
GROUNDS?!





LEAVE  
THIS TO  
US MEN.

YOU  
SHOULD  
GO WAIT  
SOMEWHERE  
SAFE WITH  
KUREHA.



HE  
PROBABLY  
DIDN'T  
HAVE THE  
GUTS TO.

I'M GLAD  
HE DIDN'T  
CHASE  
AFTER US.



I WONDER  
IF THE  
STUDENT  
COUNCIL  
MEMBERS  
WILL BE  
OKAY.

Y-YEAH...  
BUT  
THERE'S  
ALWAYS  
THE WORST  
CASE  
SCENARIO...



THEY ENJOY  
SEEING GIRLS  
FREAK OUT, SO  
IT'S BEST TO  
JUST IGNORE  
THEM.

GUYS  
LIKE HIM  
ARE ALL  
COWARDS.

UGH...  
IF ONLY  
I WERE  
A REAL  
BEAR...

A  
BEAR?

THE ONLY  
THING I CAN  
BEAT HIM  
AT IS GO.

THAT'S  
AMAZING!  
HE  
MUST BE  
STRONG.

THEY'LL  
BE FINE! THE  
PRESIDENT  
HAS A BLACK  
BELT IN  
KARATE,  
AFTER ALL.

GRR!!

THEN I  
COULD  
HAVE  
RIPPED  
THAT  
PERVERT  
TO SHREDS  
AND EATEN  
HIM FOR  
DINNER!

BUT YOU  
WERE  
REALLY  
STRONG.

YOU MAY  
NOT BE A  
BEAR...

THEN  
I'D JUST  
RIP HIM  
UP WITH  
MY CLAWS  
AND  
FANGS!

I BET HE'D  
TASTE  
HORRIBLE,  
THOUGH...

**WAS  
TREMBLING  
A TINY BIT.**

**THE HAND  
SHE USED  
TO PULL ME  
ALONG...**

**BACK  
THEN...**



**SHE  
HAS MORE  
COURAGE THAN  
ALL OF THE  
"STRONG"  
MEN IN THE  
WORLD.**

**EVEN  
THOUGH  
SHE WAS  
SCARED,  
TOO.**

**I KNEW  
THAT SHE  
WAS TRYING  
TO PROTECT  
ME...**

**EVERY-  
THING WILL  
BE FINE.**

**THANK  
YOU.**



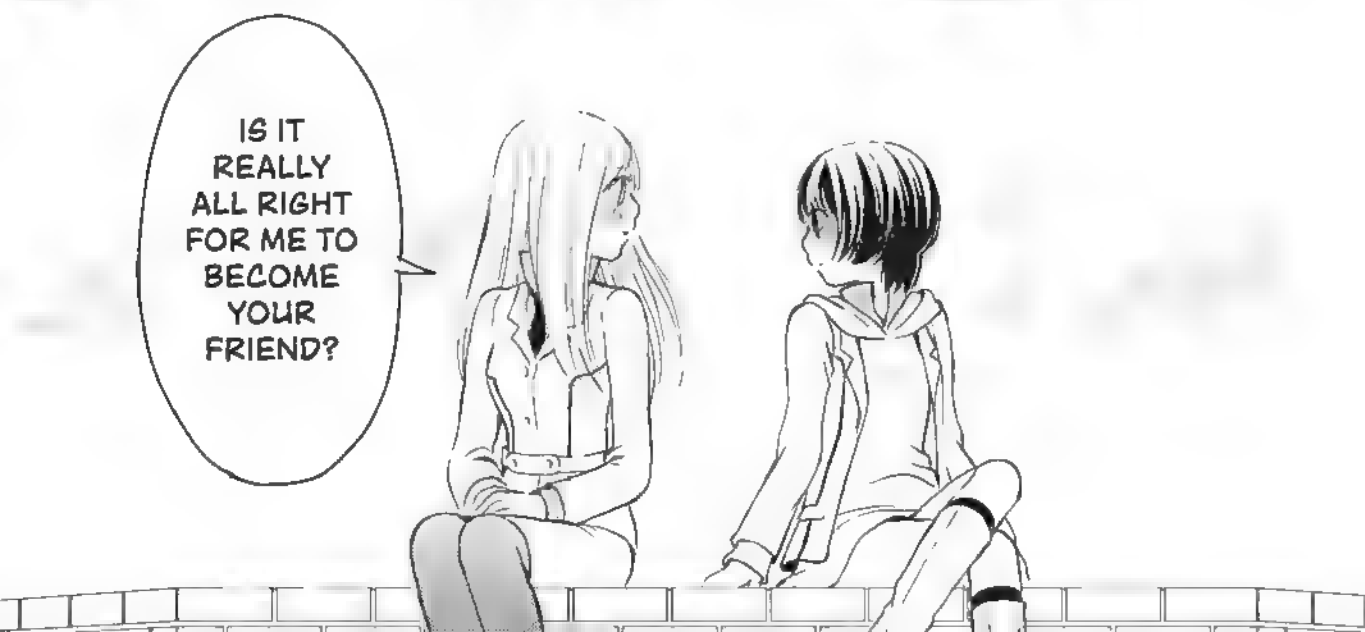


BUT...  
ARE YOU  
REALLY  
SURE?

I'M REALLY  
GRATEFUL  
FOR THAT.

I WAS  
ABLE  
TO STAY  
CALM.

BECAUSE  
YOU WERE  
WITH ME...



IS IT  
REALLY  
ALL RIGHT  
FOR ME TO  
BECOME  
YOUR  
FRIEND?







ME TOO.

I'M BEAT!

ふ  
PHEW



REALLY?

BLUSH  
ホッ

THEN I'LL GO WITH YOU!

I DIDN'T WANT TO GO ALONE..

DING  
キーンコーン DONG  
カーンコーン DANG DONG



I'M SO HAPPY. THIS FEELS LIKE A DREAM...

I SUPPOSE IT'S FINE IF WE DITCH.



zzz...



OH, THAT'S THE BELL.

WE NEED TO GO BACK TO CLASS.



THE  
LILIES LOOK  
BEAUTIFUL IN  
THE MOONLIGHT  
TONIGHT.



GINKO  
AND I ARE  
FRIENDS.

I NEVER  
KNEW HOW  
WONDERFUL  
THE WORD  
"FRIENDS" WAS  
BEFORE...

TEE-  
HEE!



GOOD  
EVENING  
TO YOU,  
TOO.



YOU  
REALLY  
LIKE  
GINKO.



OH, IF  
IT ISN'T  
A LITTLE  
BEAR.

IT SEEMS  
LIKE THE  
STORM IS  
FAR AWAY.

ARE  
YOU THE  
STUDENT  
COUNCIL  
PRESIDENT?

GOOD  
EVENING!



YES,  
ABSO-  
LUTELY!

WOULD  
YOU LIKE  
HER EVEN  
IF SHE WAS  
A HUMAN  
GIRL?



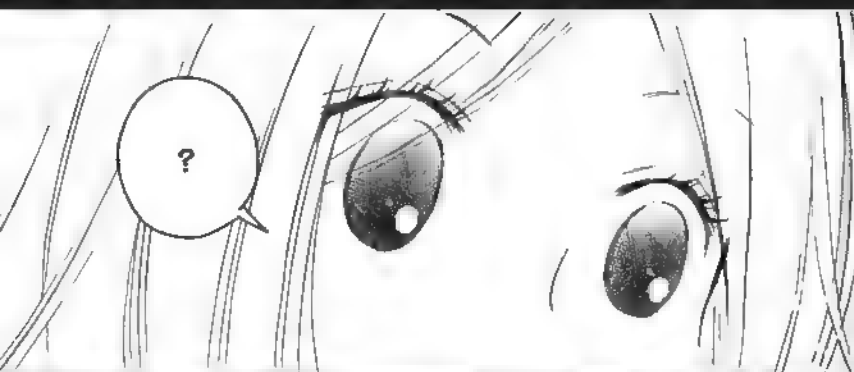
OF  
COURSE!

WOULD  
YOU LIKE  
HER EVEN  
IF SHE WAS  
A BEAR?



I DO!

I HAVE  
SINCE  
I MET  
HER.



?

WHAT  
ABOUT  
THE FACT  
THAT  
SHE'S A  
GIRL?

ARE YOU  
FINE WITH  
HER NOT  
BEING A  
BOY?



OF  
COUR-



*PERSONA*  
(THE MASK)



ALL  
HUMANS HIDE  
BEHIND MASKS IN  
ORDER TO ADAPT  
TO SOCIETAL  
EXPECTATIONS.

Chapter

3

OF  
COURSE,  
IT'S JUST A  
METAPHOR.

DON'T PEOPLE  
ONLY WEAR  
MASKS IN  
PUBLIC AT  
FESTIVALS  
AND MAS-  
QUERADES  
AND STUFF?

WELL,  
I DO  
PREFER  
FREUD'S  
*SEXIER*  
THEORIES.

YOU NEVER  
STRUCK ME  
AS THE TYPE  
TO HAVE AN  
INTEREST IN  
PSYCHOLOGY.

THAT'S  
CARL  
JUNG'S  
THEORY,  
ISN'T IT?





I SUPPOSE YOU  
COULD SAY IT IS A MERE  
ABSTRACTION, GIVEN FORM IN  
THE DEEP SLEEP CYCLE AND  
CREATED BY A FUSION BETWEEN  
BEARS, WHICH ARE THE ARCHE  
AND TELOS OF ALL THINGS, WITH  
THE IMAGE OF OUR COLLECTIVE  
UNCONSCIOUS, WHICH IS FOUND  
IN THE GREATEST DEPTHS  
OF THE HUMAN PSYCHE.

SO WHY  
ARE WE  
BEARS  
NOW?

ALTHOUGH  
WE'LL FOR-  
GET ABOUT  
IT ONCE WE  
WAKE UP.

WHOSE  
DREAM  
IS IT?

IT  
BELONGS  
TO ALL  
OF US.

IN SIMPLER  
WORDS, IT'S  
BECAUSE  
WE'RE IN A  
DREAM.

?



*BUT WHAT  
VERSION  
OF ME IS  
REFLECTED  
IN YOUR  
EYES?*

*I'VE  
SHOWN  
YOU MY  
TRUE  
SELF...*

Chapter

3





GINKO!

OH! YOU  
LOOK LIKE  
YOUR REAL  
SELF TODAY!

WHERE'S MY  
GREETING?



STARTLE  
ドキッ

GOOD  
MORNING,  
KUREHA!



YOU  
REALLY  
ARE SO  
PRETTY!  
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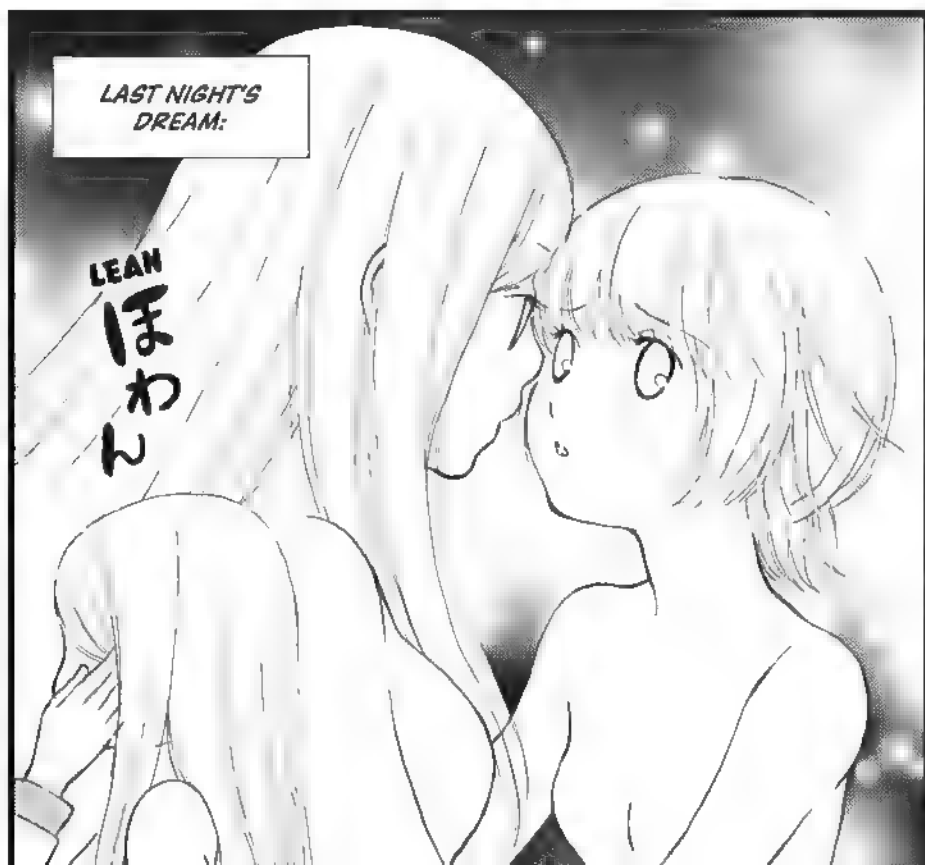
SO SOFT!  
♡

G-GOOD  
MORNING...



FLUSH

?



LAST NIGHT'S  
DREAM:

LEAN  
ほわん



BUT  
YOU  
DON'T  
HAVE A  
FEVER.

THUMP



あわわわ  
FLUSTER

AND SO  
MUCH  
MORE  
REALISTIC  
THAN IN MY  
DREAM! OF  
COURSE...

SH-SHE'S  
SO  
CLOSE!

YOUR  
FACE  
IS RED.



SOMETHING  
ABOUT YOU  
SEEMS  
OFF...

REALLY?

IT'S  
NOTHING!  
I'M FINE,  
REALLY!  
IN THE  
PEAK OF  
HEALTH!



DOESN'T  
SHE?

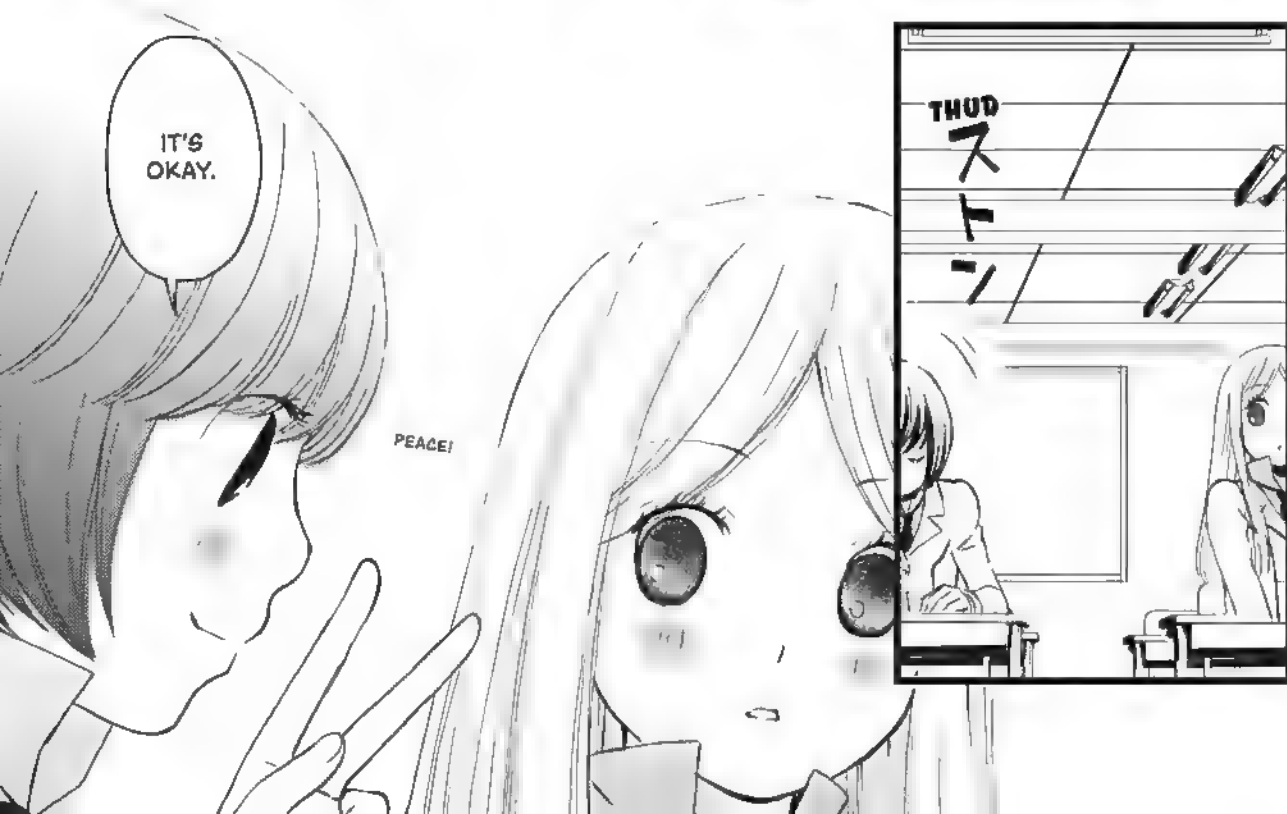
WOW!  
YOU LOOK  
COMPLETELY  
DIFFERENT!



Y-YES?

WAIT...  
ARE YOU  
KUREHA?



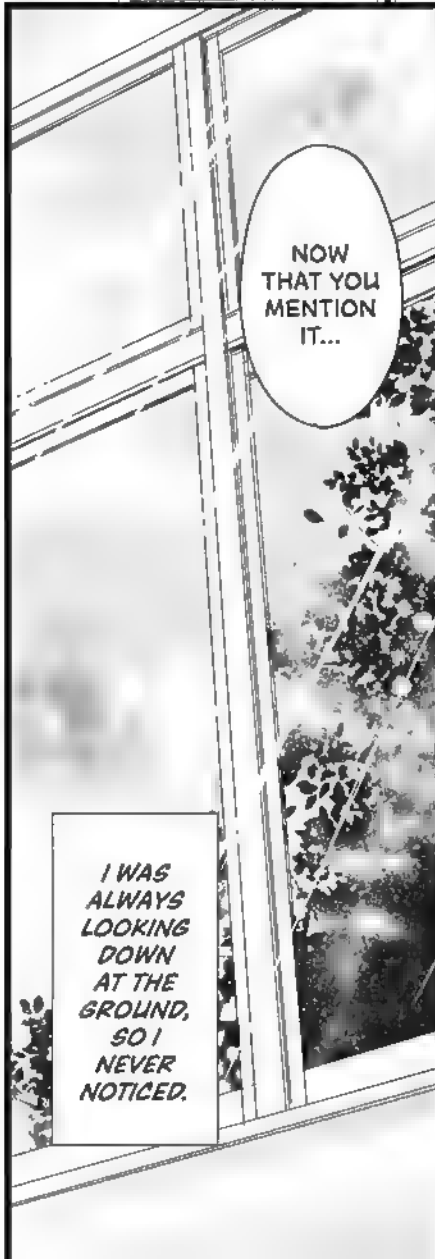




I'VE GOT  
GINKGO  
WITH ME.



YEAH,  
I'M NOT  
SCARED.



NOW  
THAT YOU  
MENTION  
IT...

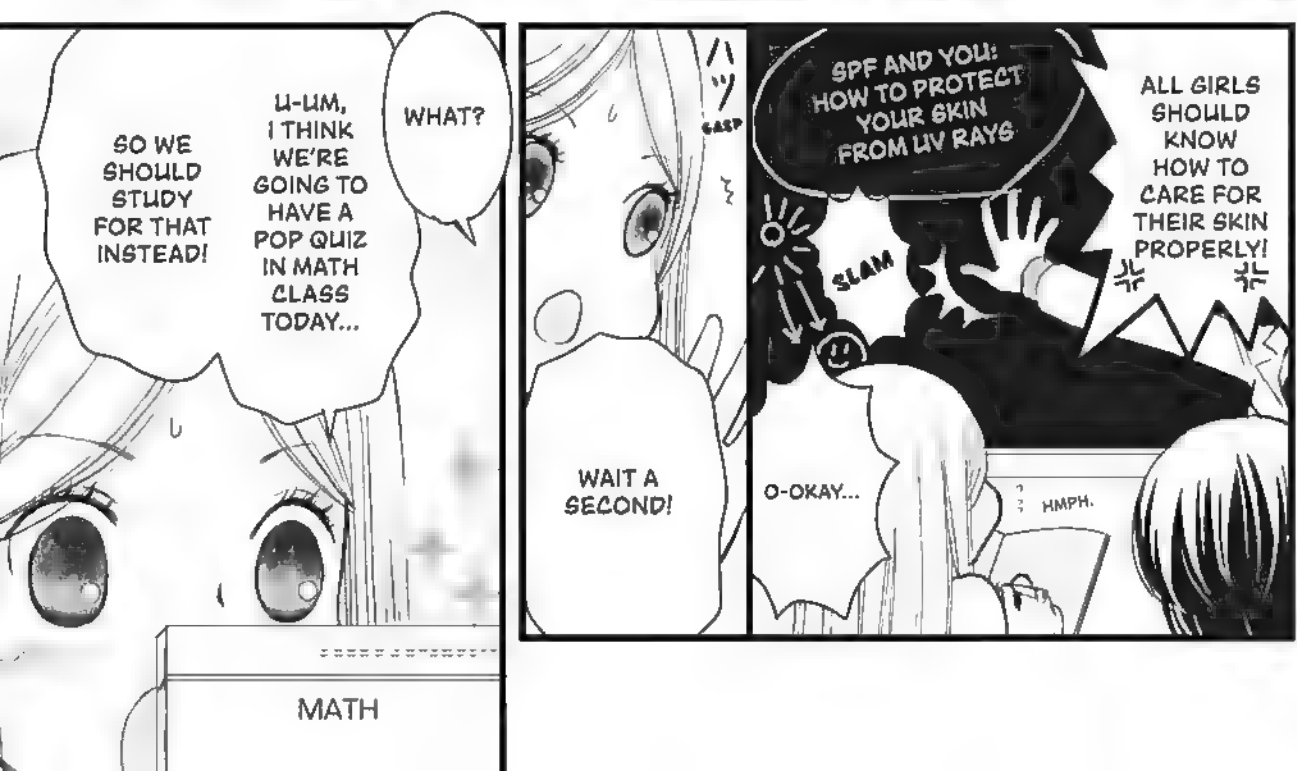
I WAS  
ALWAYS  
LOOKING  
DOWN  
AT THE  
GROUND,  
SO I  
NEVER  
NOTICED.

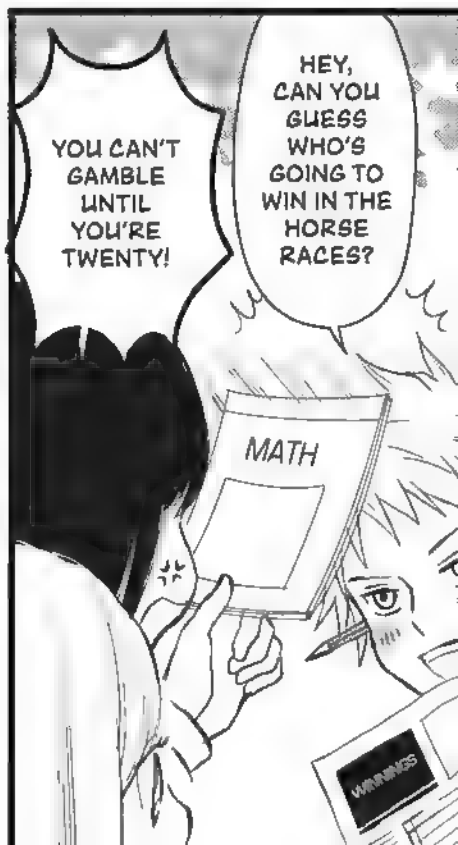
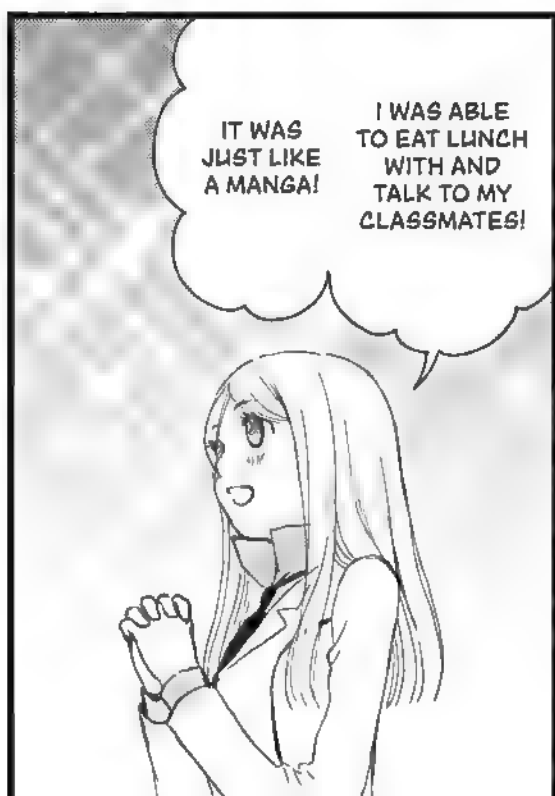
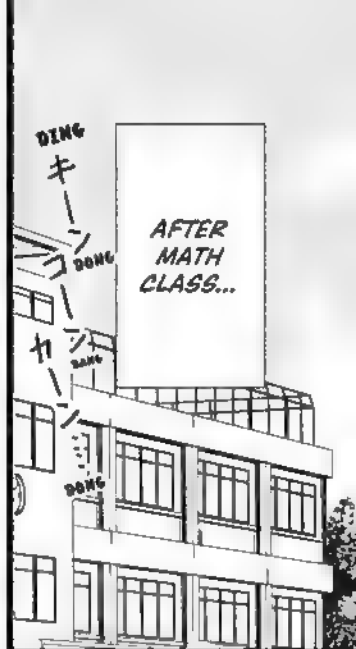
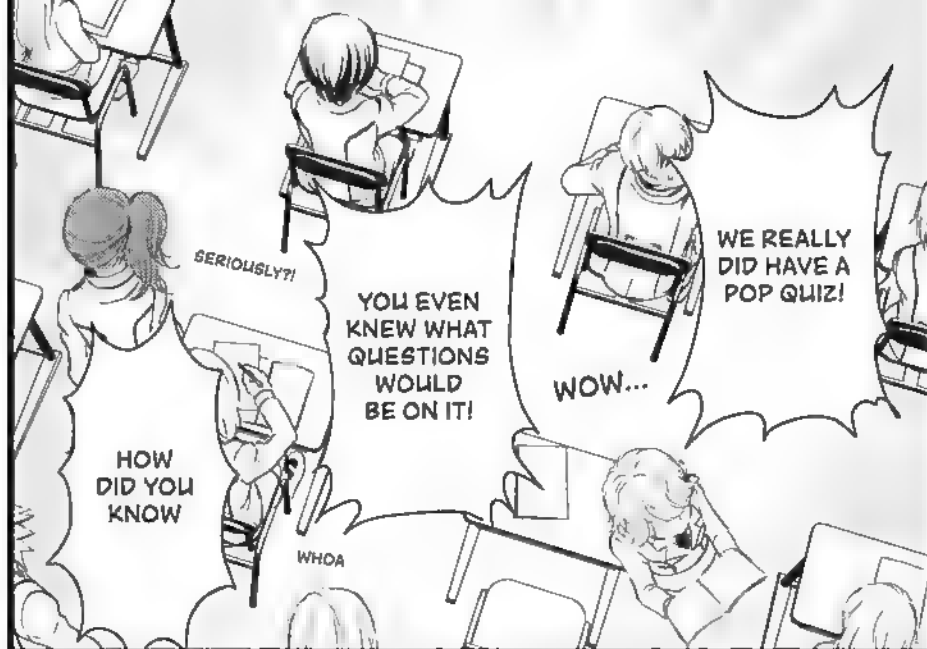


IT'S  
REALLY  
BRIGHT  
OUT  
TODAY.

THIS  
CLASS  
ROOM GETS  
A LOT OF  
SUNLIGHT.









AND THE  
GIRLS  
HAVE  
ALWAYS  
GLARED  
AT ME.

SINCE I WAS  
LITTLE,  
BOYS HAVE  
ALWAYS  
PICKED ON  
ME AND  
G-STARED  
AT ME...

?



YEAH, BUT  
WITH MY  
LUCK, IT ALSO  
WON'T BE  
LONG BEFORE  
THEY START  
TO HATE ME.

SEE? IT  
TOOK YOU  
NO TIME AT  
ALL TO GET  
ALONG WITH  
EVERYONE!



JEALOUS  
BECAUSE  
YOU'RE MORE  
POPULAR...

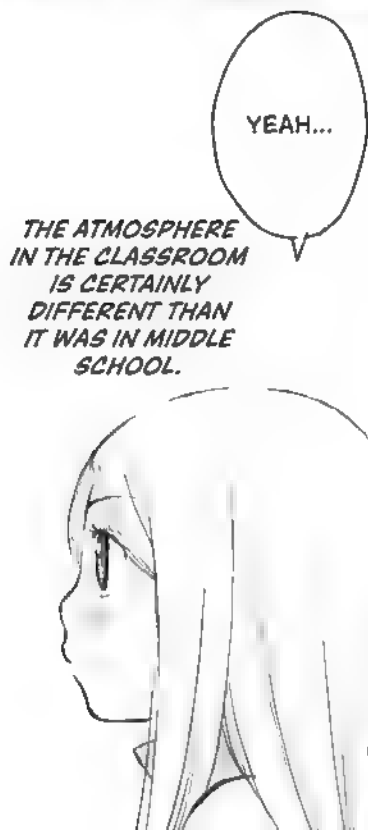
BOYS  
BULLYING  
THE GIRLS  
THEY LIKE...

STEALING GLANCES  
AND DAYDREAMING...

HE'S  
STAR-  
ING AT  
ME...

IT'S JUST  
BECAUSE  
THEY  
WERE  
KIDS.

I DON'T  
THINK THEY  
DID THAT  
BECAUSE  
THEY  
HATED YOU,  
PERSONALLY.



THE ATMOSPHERE  
IN THE CLASSROOM  
IS CERTAINLY  
DIFFERENT THAN  
IT WAS IN MIDDLE  
SCHOOL.

YEAH...



TODAY  
WAS FINE,  
WASN'T IT?

BUT WE'RE  
ALL HIGH  
SCHOOLERS  
NOW, SO I'M  
SURE THINGS  
HAVE GOTTEN  
BETTER.

WELL,  
SOME  
OF THEM  
ARE STILL  
BRATS...





IT WASN'T  
LIKE THAT  
HALF A YEAR  
AGO WHEN  
WE STARTED  
SCHOOL,  
THOUGH.

BUT  
PEOPLE'S  
VOICES AND  
MOVEMENTS  
HAVE  
GOTTEN  
CALMER.

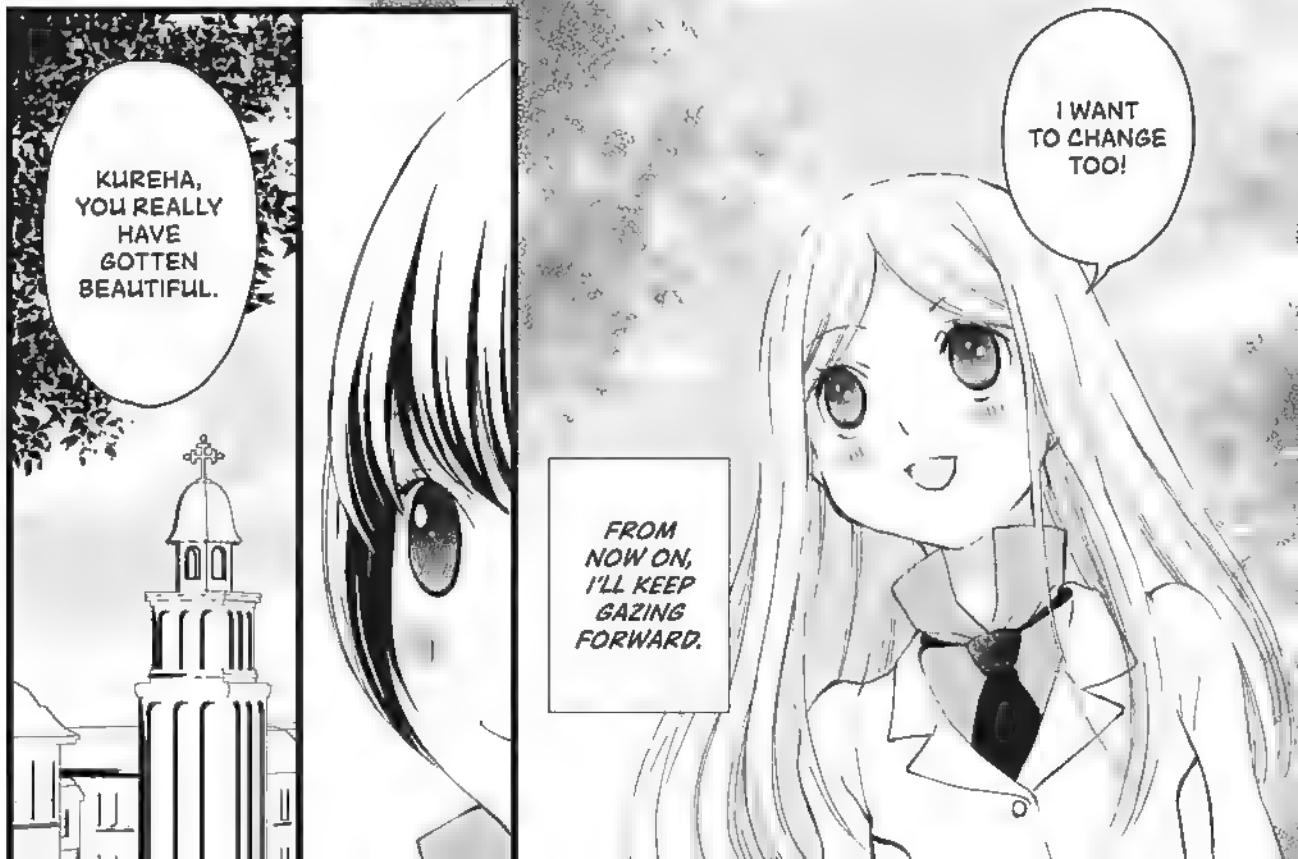
IT'S  
STILL  
LIVELY...



I WAS  
ALWAYS  
LOOKING  
DOWN AT THE  
GROUND, SO I  
NEVER NOTICED.

WE'RE ALL  
GROWING UP,  
SLOWLY BUT  
SURELY.

I SEE.



KUREHA,  
YOU REALLY  
HAVE  
GOTTEN  
BEAUTIFUL.

I WANT  
TO CHANGE  
TOO!

FROM  
NOW ON,  
I'LL KEEP  
GAZING  
FORWARD.

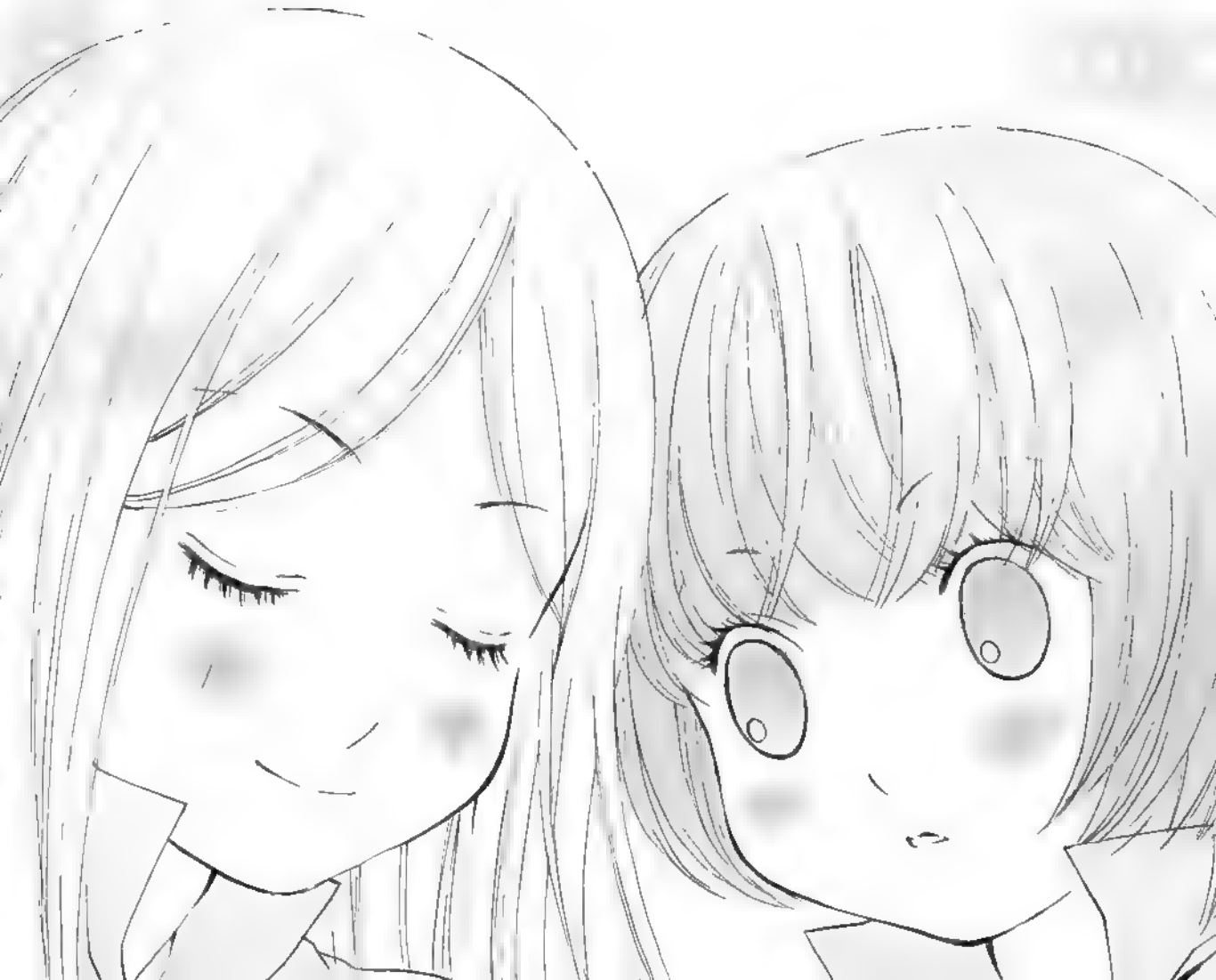


*THROUGHOUT  
THE WORLD.*

*AND FOR HER  
WILLINGNESS  
TO BE BY  
MY SIDE...*

*FOR  
GINKO...*

*I WANT TO  
SPREAD THE  
WINGS OF MY  
GRATITUDE...*

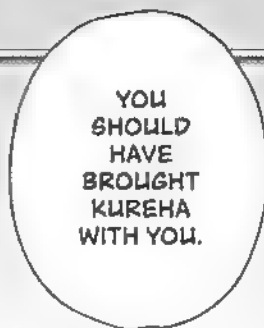




WELL, SHE  
DOESN'T  
KNOW HOW  
TO PLAY GO.



YOU  
TWO ARE  
FRIENDS  
NOW,  
RIGHT?



YOU  
SHOULD  
HAVE  
BROUGHT  
KUREHA  
WITH YOU.

STUDENT COUNCIL  
ROOM



YOU  
SEEM TO  
KNOW  
A LOT.

I HEARD  
THAT SHE'S  
GETTING  
ALONG  
BETTER  
WITH HER  
CLASSMATES.

SHE  
SEEMS A  
LOT MORE  
CHEERFUL  
NOW.



SHE DID  
MENTION  
THAT SHE  
LIKES  
CHESS.

IF GO IS  
ACTUALLY  
A NO-GO...  
WHAT  
ABOUT  
CHESS?

HEY, I JUST  
CONFERRED  
TO YOU.  
ARE YOU  
SERIOUSLY  
GOING TO  
IGNORE ME?



I WANT  
TO KNOW  
EVERY-  
THING  
ABOUT  
YOU...

ONLY  
BECAUSE  
I'M MADLY  
IN LOVE  
WITH YOU,  
GINKO.

YOU  
WOMANIZER.  
KEEPING TABS  
ON ALL THE  
GIRLS IN THE  
SCHOOL?



LAY  
YOUR  
HANDS ON  
KUREHA,  
AND I'LL  
KILL YOU.

WHEN  
YOU TALK  
ABOUT HER  
LIKE THAT, IT  
MAKES ME  
WANT TO MEET  
HER EVEN  
MORE...



AN  
ASTUTE  
OBSER-  
VATION,  
INDEED.

DON'T YOU  
THINK IT'D BE  
DANGEROUS  
TO LET THIS  
GUY MEET  
HER?

KUREHA IS  
THE PUREST  
OF MAIDENS!

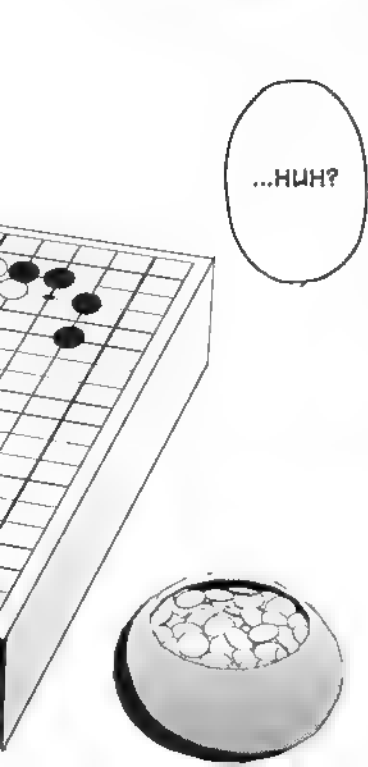
HOW  
RUDE.



BUT ON  
ONE CON-  
DITION...

SINCE  
YOU'RE THAT  
INSISTENT,  
I PROMISE  
I WON'T GO  
NEAR HER.

FINE,  
FINE.



...HUH?



OKAY.

YOU HAVE  
TO ACCEPT  
MY FEELINGS  
FOR YOU.





AS LONG  
AS YOU  
DON'T LAY A  
FINGER ON  
KUREHA.



BUT  
IF IT'S A  
PLAYMATE  
YOU WANT,  
I CAN DO  
THAT.

I WON'T BE  
YOUR GIRL-  
FRIEND...




WHAT?!

GINKO,  
DON'T  
JOKE  
AROUND...

CLACK  
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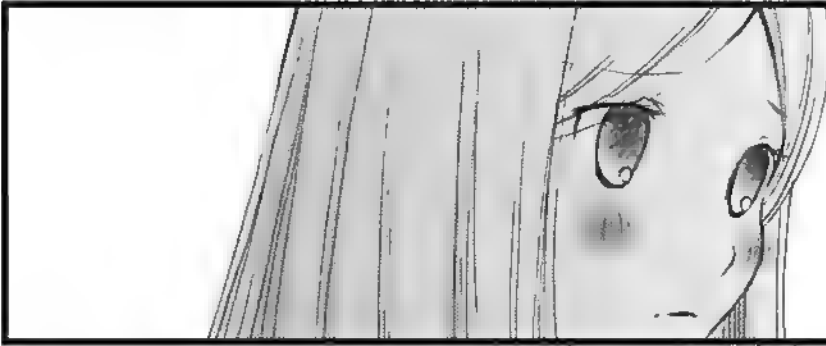
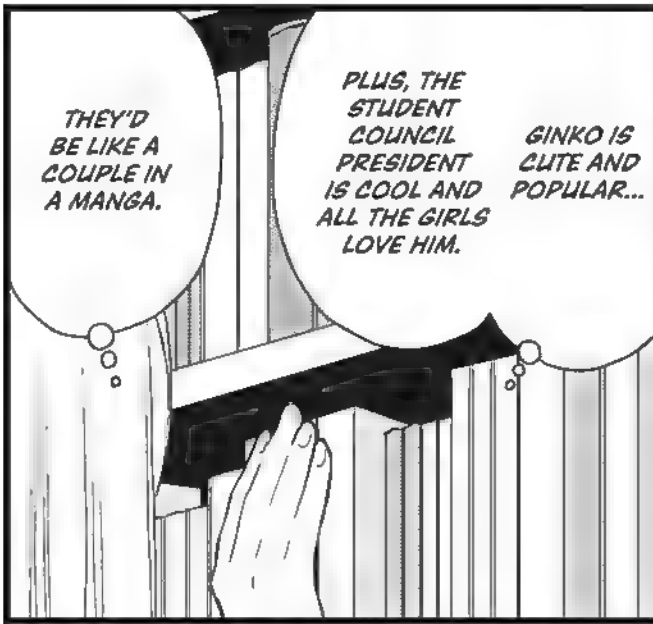
I'M  
BEING  
SERIOUS.

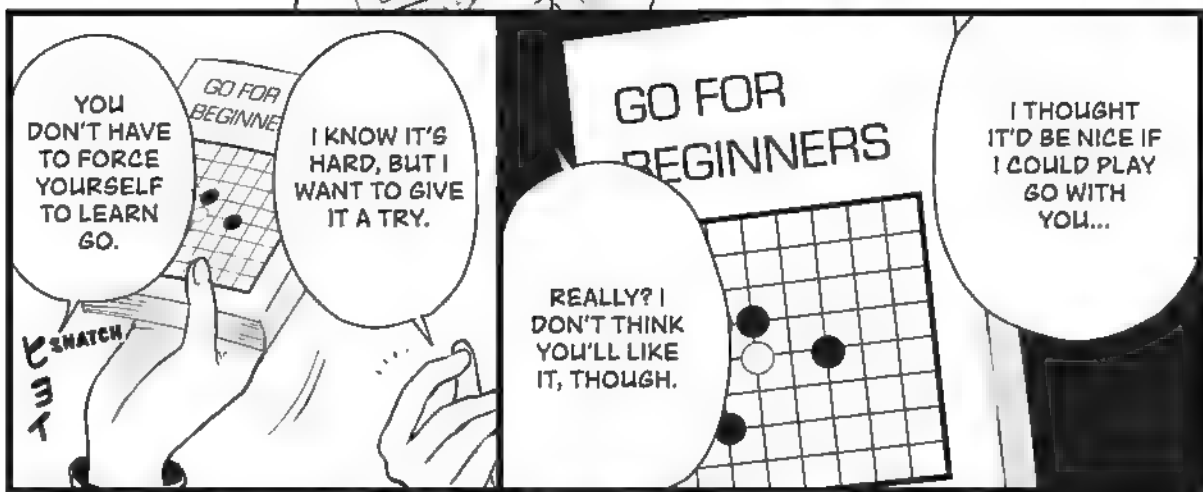



WAIT,  
DO YOU  
MEAN...?

I THINK  
YOU  
KNOW  
WHAT I  
MEAN.









*I'M GETTING  
A STRANGE  
FEELING...*

*GINKO IS  
BEING HER  
USUAL SELF  
ON THE  
SURFACE,  
BUT...*

*I WONDER  
WHY IT  
SEEMS  
LIKE...*



*LET'S  
CATCH A  
BITE TO  
EAT ON THE  
WAY HOME.*


*I'M SO  
HUNGRY!*

*I MUST BE  
IMAGINING  
THINGS.*



*MY  
HEART IS  
RACING...*

*ALMOST  
LIKE IT  
DOES RIGHT  
BEFORE A  
STORM.*



*I WONDER  
WHY I FEEL  
SO ANXIOUS.*

*O-O-KAY!*





YEAH,  
WE'RE  
GETTING  
ALONG  
GREAT.

HEY,  
MOM!

TODAY,  
KUREHA  
TAUGHT ME  
HOW TO PLAY  
CHESS!

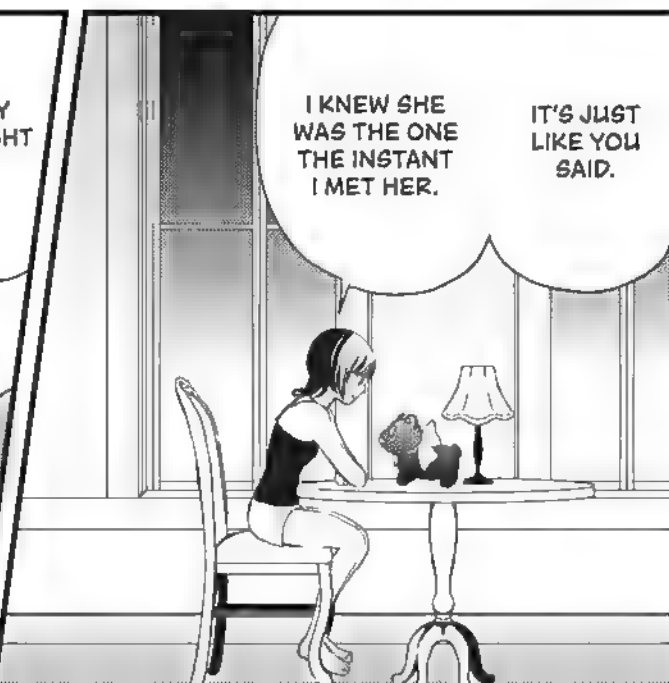


SHE'S MY  
SOULMATE,  
AFTER ALL.



THAT'S SO  
AMAZING.

I REALLY  
KNEW RIGHT  
AWAY.



I KNEW SHE  
WAS THE ONE  
THE INSTANT  
I MET HER.

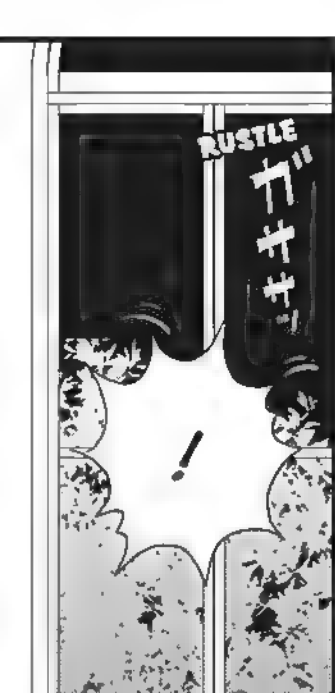
IT'S JUST  
LIKE YOU  
SAID.



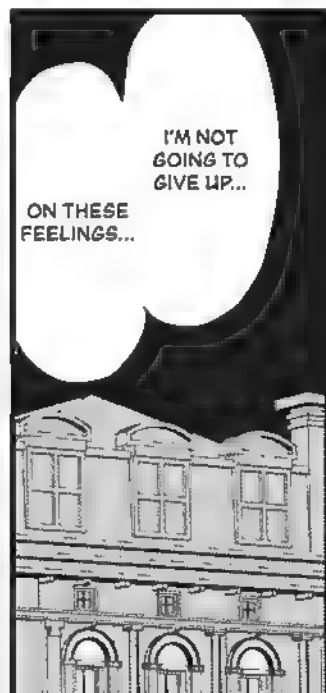
WHEN YOU  
SAID THAT  
OUR DESTINY  
MAY BE ONE  
WHERE WE  
DON'T END UP  
TOGETHER?



BUT MOM,  
WHAT  
DID YOU  
MEAN...



I'LL NEVER  
GIVE UP ON  
KUREHA!



I'M NOT  
GOING TO  
GIVE UP...  
ON THESE  
FEELINGS...





OH, IT'S  
JUST AN  
OWL...

RUSTLE

THUD

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HOOT,  
HOOT!



SLAM

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WHO'S  
THERE?!



I'VE  
FINALLY  
FOUND  
HER.

THERE'S NO  
MISTAKE.



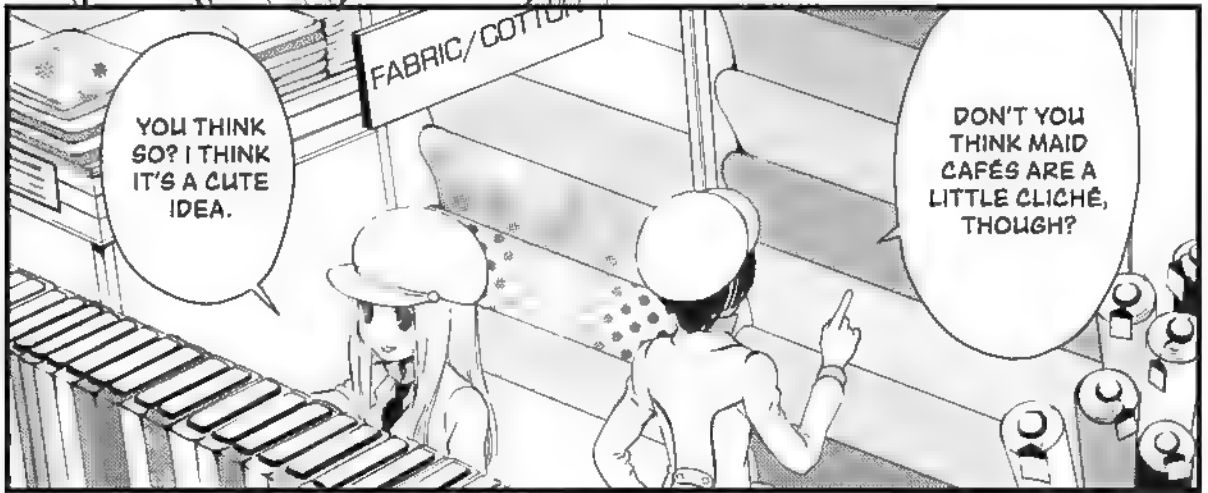
MIDTERMS  
ARE OVER,  
AND YOU  
ALL KNOW  
WHAT'S  
NEXT...

ALL  
RIGHT!



GINKO  
YURI-  
SHIRO...

MY  
DESTINED  
ONE!









ALL WE  
NEED IS  
EACH  
OTHER.

I'M FINE AS  
LONG AS I  
CAN BE WITH  
KUREHA.



GINKO?

...



OR GET IN  
THE WAY OF  
OUR LOVE.

SO  
THAT  
NO ONE  
CAN  
TOUCH  
HER...

I WANT  
TO LOCK  
KUREHA  
UP SOME-  
WHERE...



NOTHING'S  
EVEN HAP-  
PENED YET.

HOW  
HAVE  
THEY  
BEEN?

HEY, HOW  
HAVE THINGS  
BEEN WITH  
GINKO?

STUDENT COUNCIL  
ROOM



THAT'S SO  
VULGAR...

SO YOU  
HAVEN'T  
SLEPT WITH  
HER YET?  
TAKIN' IT  
SLOW, HUH?



WHICH  
IS IT?

IT MAKES  
ME HAPPY,  
BUT ISN'T  
THAT SAD?

SHE SAID  
SHE'D GIVE  
HERSELF  
TO ME EVEN  
THOUGH SHE  
DOESN'T  
LOVE ME...

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CLENCH



OF  
COURSE!

DO YOU  
REALLY  
THINK I'M  
THAT KIND  
OF GUY?

DON'T  
BE RUDE!





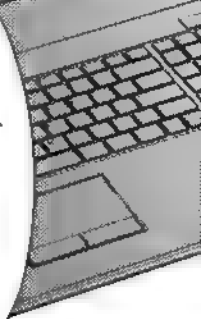
I SHOULD PROBABLY BE WORRIED.

RATHER THAN BEING CAUTIOUS...



I GUESS SHE WAS ACTING A LITTLE STRANGE...

IF SHE SERIOUSLY MEANT WHAT SHE SAID, THEN YOU SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS.



ACTUALLY, IT'S PRETTY NICE INSIDE!

IT LOOKS RUN DOWN, BUT AT LEAST IT'S CLOSE TO THE SCHOOL.

SO THIS IS YOUR DORM?

I'M ALL BY MYSELF IN A ROOM FOR TWO...

I'LL BE GETTING A ROOMMATE SOON, THOUGH.

YOU HAVE A ROOM ALL TO YOURSELF, RIGHT?

I'LL MAKE YOU TEA, SO COME UPSTAIRS WITH ME.

OKAY!







I THOUGHT  
I'D BE ABLE  
TO FLOAT  
DOWN TO THE  
GROUND...

MY  
FAVORITE  
PARASOL  
BROKE!



WHAT  
IS THIS  
THING?

OUCH...  
THAT'S  
ODD...



TREMBLE

UGH...



DID SHE  
REALLY THINK  
THAT PARASOL  
WOULD ACT AS  
A PARACHUTE?

SERIOUSLY?

ARE YOU  
OKAY?!



GINKO!

A HUMAN  
BEAR? AH,  
NO... SHE'S  
JUST WEARING  
FAKE EARS...



GASP





I'M TRANS-  
FERRING TO  
ARASHIGAOKA  
SAKUEN  
TOMORROW.

STARTING  
TODAY, I'LL  
BE KUREHA'S  
ROOMMATE!

MY NAME  
IS LULU  
YURIGASAKI,  
AND I'M  
GINKO'S  
GIRLFRIEND!



ANYWAY!



MY ORIGINAL  
PLAN WAS TO  
SURPRISE YOU  
AT SCHOOL BY  
SHOWING UP IN  
THE CLASS-  
ROOM...

WE'RE  
DEFINITELY  
NOT  
DATING!



WE FIRST  
MET TEN  
YEARS  
AGO.

SHE'S NOT  
LISTENING  
AT ALL!



ONCE WE  
REUNITE,  
YOU'LL RE-  
MEMBER!

I THOUGHT  
WE ALREADY  
DID THAT?



I KEEP  
TELLING YOU  
THAT I DON'T  
KNOW YOU!

WE REALLY  
ARE  
DESTINED  
FOR ONE  
ANOTHER!

BUT TO THINK  
WE'D COIN-  
CIDENTALLY  
REUNITE AT  
THE DORMS!

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BLUSH



AND I  
WORKED AS  
YOUR MAID.

YOU WERE  
THE PRINCESS  
OF THAT  
CASTLE...

YOU LIVED  
IN A GRAND  
CASTLE IN  
THE MIDDLE  
OF A FOREST.



BUT...

*"LET'S LOVE  
EACH OTHER  
FOREVER."*

THE TWO OF  
US MADE A  
PROMISE...

FOREST?  
CASTLE?

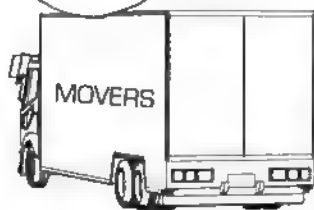
A FIVE-  
YEAR-OLD  
MAID?

AND  
YOU WERE  
TAKEN TO A  
FAR AWAY  
PLACE.

I WAS  
BANISHED  
FROM THE  
CASTLE...

WE'RE BOTH  
GIRLS, AND  
WE WERE OF  
DIFFERENT  
SOCIAL CASTES.  
IT WAS A  
FORBIDDEN  
LOVE!

CASTES?  
IN MODERN  
JAPAN?





AND I WAS  
RIGHT,  
'CAUSE  
HERE WE  
ARE NOW!  
♡♡♡

PUCKER



THAT WE  
WERE BOUND  
BY DESTINY.

SOMEDAY,  
WE WOULD BE  
REUNITED!

BUT I  
BELIEVED...



I DON'T  
KNOW YOU,  
AND I DON'T  
REMEMBER.

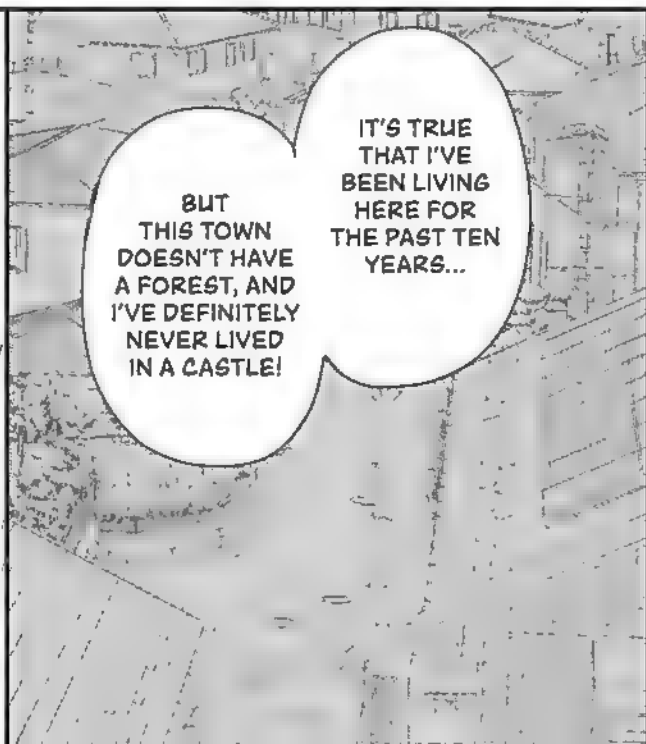
KATHUNK

TURN



I THINK  
YOU'RE  
JUST DE-  
LUSIONAL.

MY  
RECOLLECTION  
MAY BE A BIT  
HAZY BECAUSE  
IT WAS SO  
LONG AGO...



BUT  
THIS TOWN  
DOESN'T HAVE  
A FOREST, AND  
I'VE DEFINITELY  
NEVER LIVED  
IN A CASTLE!

IT'S TRUE  
THAT I'VE  
BEEN LIVING  
HERE FOR  
THE PAST TEN  
YEARS...





! YOU STILL HAVE IT, RIGHT? DO YOU TALK TO IT?

A SUBSTITUTE FOR HER MOTHER.

THAT'S WHY THAT BEAR WAS ALWAYS...



UH...

HOW... DOES SHE KNOW ABOUT THAT?



I LIVE WITH MY AUNT.

STILL ABROAD GETTING TREATMENTS.

UH... WHERE IS YOUR MOTHER NOW?



AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT.

IT MAY BE BEST TO BE HONEST RIGHT NOW.



I DON'T  
THINK THAT! I  
UNDERSTAND  
WHY YOU'D  
WANT TO.



YOU  
MUST THINK  
I'M DUMB,  
TALKING TO  
STUFFED  
ANIMALS AT  
THIS AGE.

OH,  
I SEE.



SHE'S SO  
PRETTY!  
YOU LOOK  
JUST LIKE  
HER!

WOW. THIS  
IS YOUR  
MOTHER?



SO  
I'VE ALWAYS  
TALKED TO THIS  
PHOTOGRAPH  
OF HER.

I LOST  
MY MOM  
WHEN I WAS  
LITTLE...

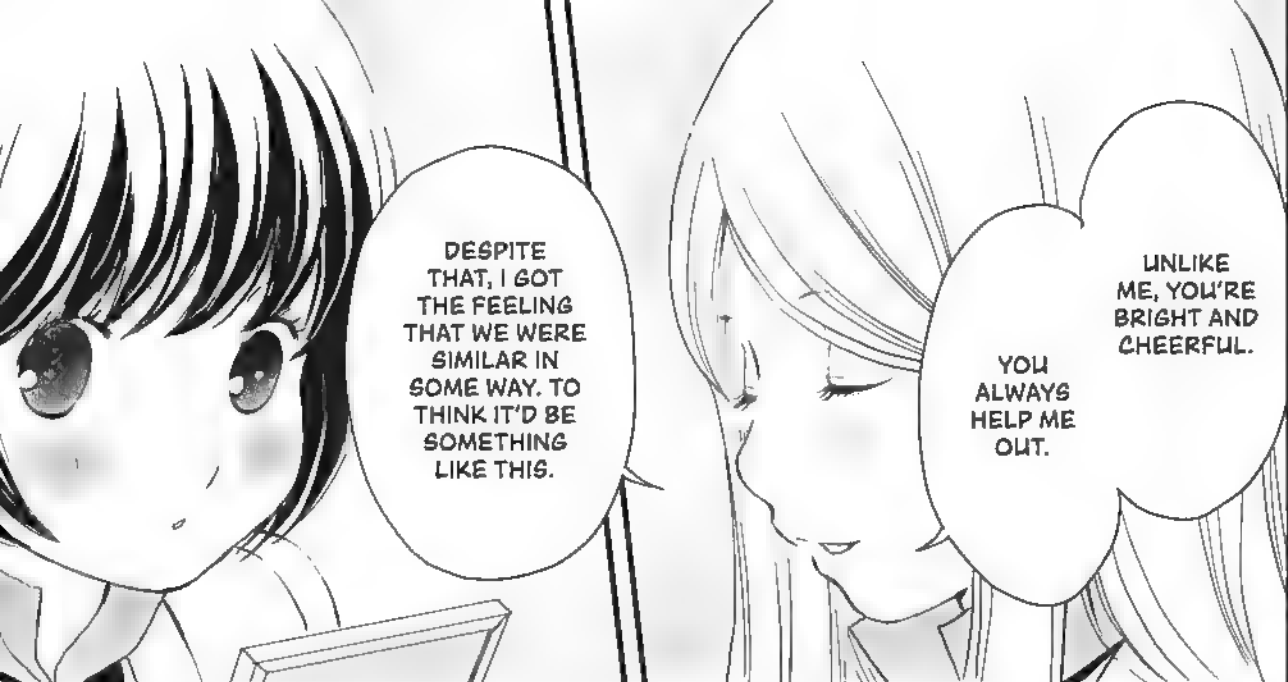


SORRY  
TO DROP  
IN UNAN-  
NOUNCED!



MOM, THIS IS  
GINKO, THE GIRL  
I'VE TOLD YOU  
SO MUCH ABOUT.  
SHE CAME OVER  
TO HANG OUT!

IT'S NICE TO  
MEET YOU!  
I'M GINKO  
YURISHIRO.



DESPITE  
THAT, I GOT  
THE FEELING  
THAT WE WERE  
SIMILAR IN  
SOME WAY. TO  
THINK IT'D BE  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THIS.

YOU  
ALWAYS  
HELP ME  
OUT.

UNLIKE  
ME, YOU'RE  
BRIGHT AND  
CHEERFUL.



KUREHA...

BUT I'LL  
ALWAYS BE  
BY YOUR  
SIDE.

I COULD  
NEVER  
REPLACE  
YOUR  
MOTHER...

TELL  
ME RIGHT  
AWAY IF YOU  
EVER GET  
LONELY.

GRRR ♪  
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I KNEW  
IT! YOU DO  
LIKE HER!



WHEN  
YOU K-K-  
KISSED  
HER?!

H-HOW  
CAN YOU  
SAY THAT  
ABOUT  
ME...

OH?  
ARE YOU  
JEALOUS?



SHE'S A  
FREAKING  
STALKER!

NOW I  
KNOW IT'S  
BECAUSE  
LULU WAS  
PEEPING  
AT ME!

DAMMIT!  
I THOUGHT  
THINGS  
WERE WEIRD  
AROUND  
HERE!



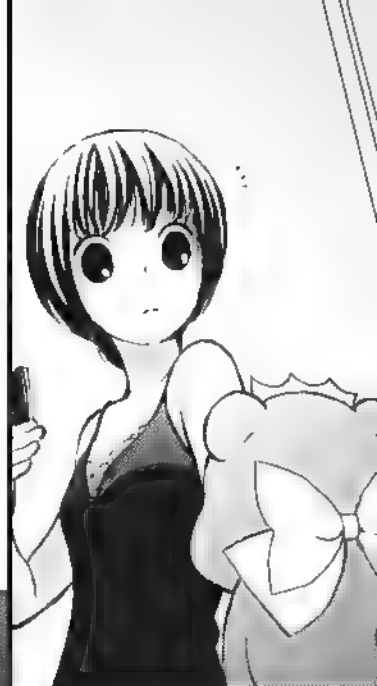
YOU'D  
BETTER  
NOT LET  
ANYONE  
IN!

AND MAKE  
SURE YOU  
CATCH ALL  
INTRUDERS.



I WANT  
YOU TO  
RAISE  
SECURITY  
TO THE  
HIGHEST  
LEVEL!

THAT'S  
RIGHT.



Chapter  
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I INVITED  
YOU HERE  
TO HAVE  
A DATE.



GINKO,  
THAT'S  
NOT WHY I  
BROUGHT  
YOU  
HERE...



I TOLD YOU  
I'D BE YOUR  
PLAYMATE,  
BUT THAT  
I'D NEVER  
DATE YOU.



HAVE  
YOU FOR-  
GOTTEN?

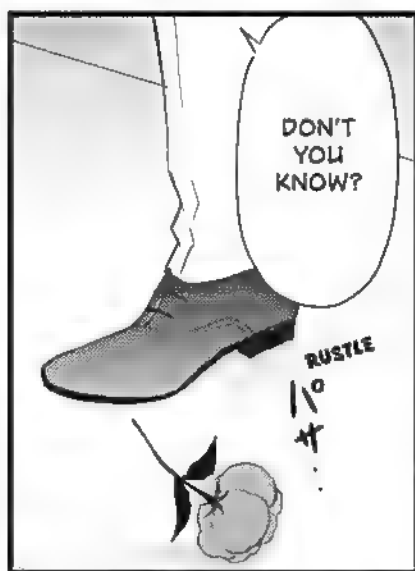
SLAP  
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HMPH.

BUT  
THEY HAVE  
HEARTS,  
TOO.

IT'S TRUE  
THAT MEN  
ARE FULL  
OF LUST...



DON'T  
YOU  
KNOW?

RUSTLE  
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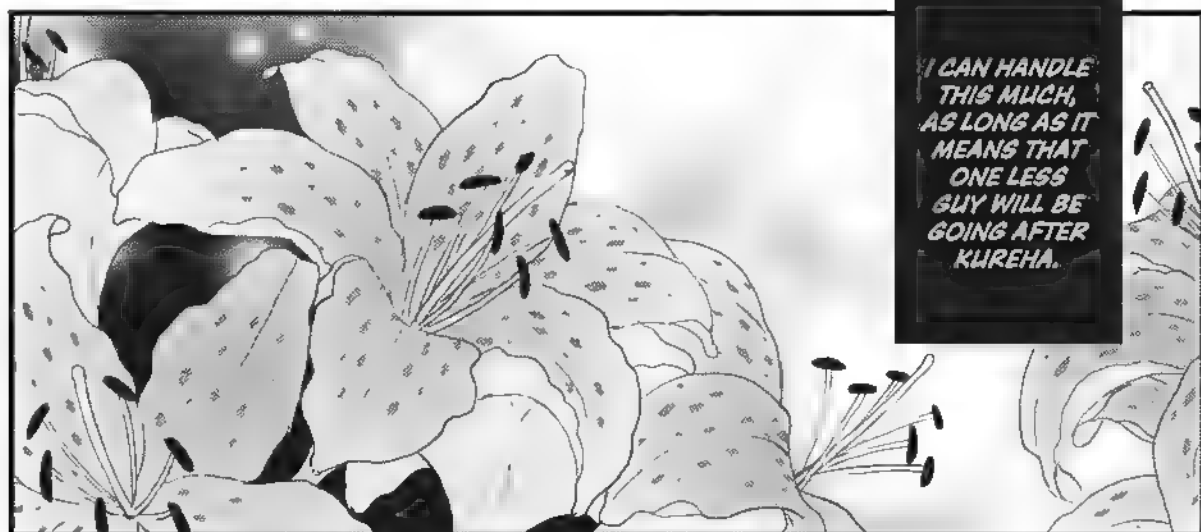


AS IF I  
COULD BE  
AFRAID  
OF YOU.

HE  
REALLY IS  
A PROFES-  
SIONAL  
WOMAN-  
IZER...

TO  
REALIZE  
THAT THIS  
IS A FIRST  
FOR ME.

THIS  
DOESN'T  
MEAN  
ANYTHING.



I CAN HANDLE  
THIS MUCH,  
AS LONG AS IT  
MEANS THAT  
ONE LESS  
GUY WILL BE  
GOING AFTER  
KUREHA.



JUST  
HURRY UP  
AND START  
SO WE  
CAN GET  
IT OVER  
WITH.

WHAT  
IS IT?

...

...HM?









OH!

TAKE MY  
LOVELY  
BEAR  
KICK!

YOU  
BEAST!



BECAUSE  
I HAVE TO  
PROTECT  
GINKO!

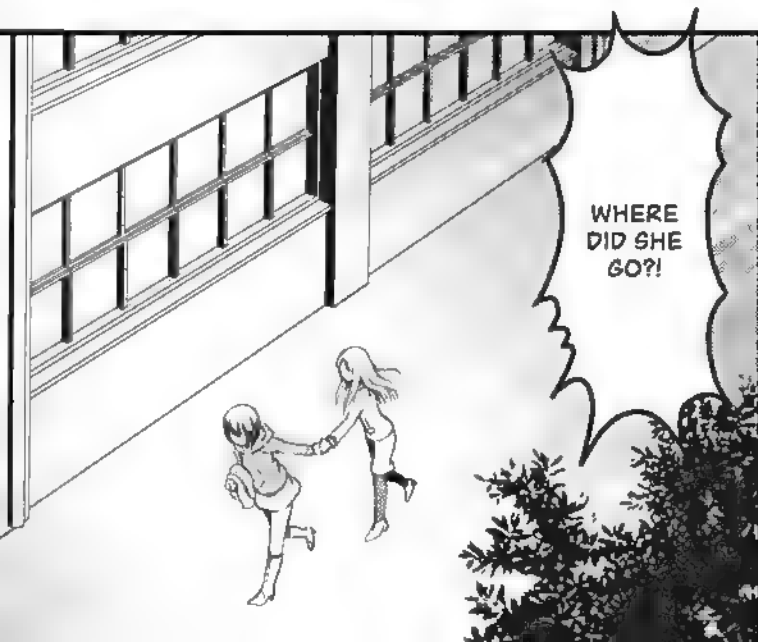
I'VE  
PRACTICED  
IT A LOT...



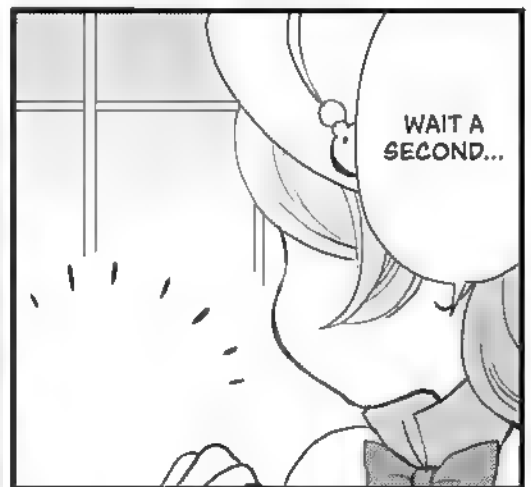
PHWEW

NOT  
BAD!

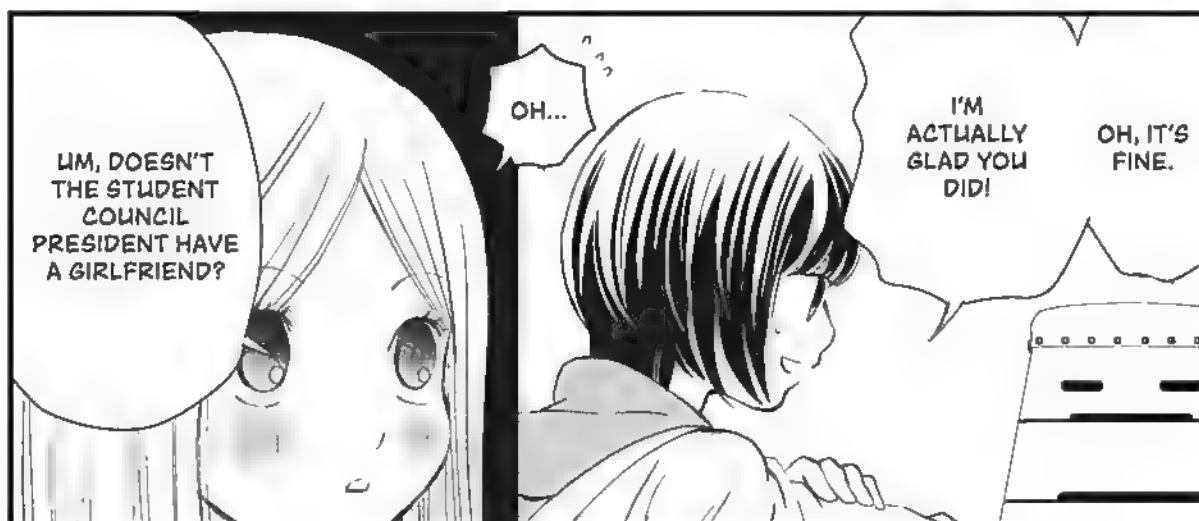
YOUR  
KICK  
PACKS A  
PUNCH.



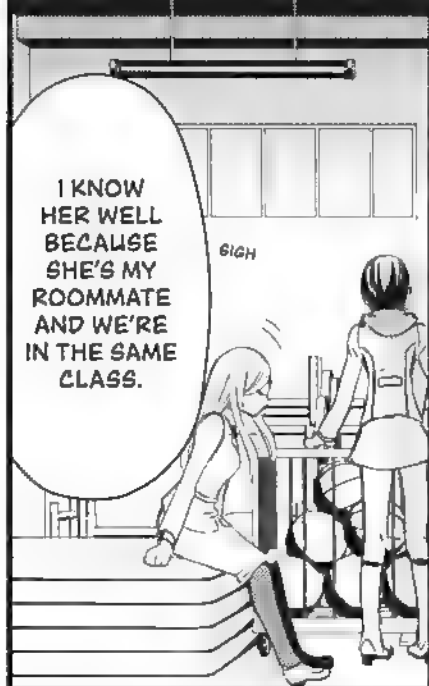
WHERE  
DID SHE  
GO?!



WAIT A  
SECOND...







I KNOW HER WELL BECAUSE SHE'S MY ROOMMATE AND WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS.

SIGH



YOU SOUND SO SURE!

THE STRENGTH OF HER CONVICTION IS NO JOKE.

I DON'T THINK THAT'LL HAPPEN.

キツパリ  
BLUNT



IT IS. SHE CAUSES TROUBLE ALMOST EVERY DAY IN THE DORMS. IT'S SUCH A MESS.

ISN'T IT HARD TO SHARE A ROOM WITH HER?



HEY, KUREHA, WHY DON'T YOU COME AND LIVE WITH—

THIS IS A GREAT CHANCE TO GET HER OUT OF THERE!

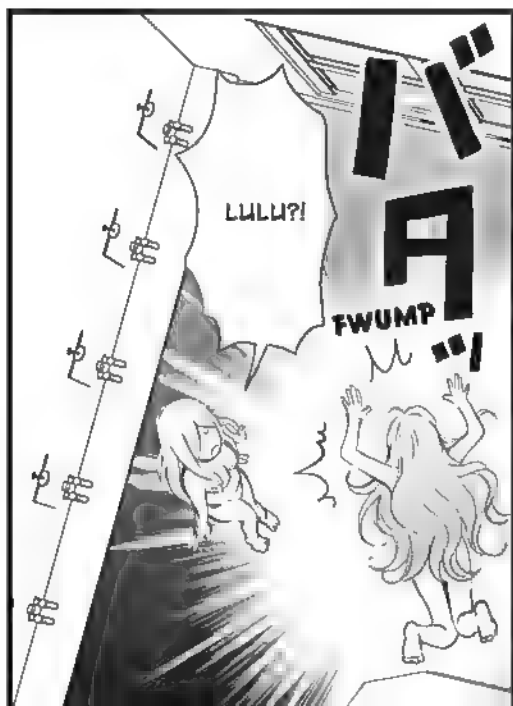


IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE SHE'S GETTING ALONG WELL WITH THE OTHER PEOPLE IN THE DORMS, EITHER...

THAT SUCKS.









PLAH...

EVEN  
THOUGH  
YOU GET  
DIZZY WHEN  
YOU STAY  
IN TOO  
LONG...

YOU  
WERE DAY-  
DREAMING IN  
THE BATHTUB  
AGAIN,  
WEREN'T  
YOU?



JUST  
LEAVE  
ME  
ALONE.

I'M  
FINE.

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TURN



WOULDN'T A  
SPORTS DRINK  
BE BETTER  
THAN PLAIN  
WATER?



I KNOW  
THAT  
EVERYONE  
HERE HATES  
ME.



AND  
DON'T  
WORRY.  
I'LL LEAVE  
THE DORM  
SOON.



EVERYONE  
WOULD BE  
HAPPY IF I  
DISAPPEARED.

PLUS  
MY MOM  
AND MY  
DAD...

MY  
CLASS-  
MATES, AND  
THE PEOPLE  
AT THE  
DORM...



IF I  
HAD DIS-  
APPEARED...

I WOULDN'T  
HAVE BEEN  
ABLE TO  
SEARCH  
FOR HER.

BECAUSE  
I FELL IN  
LOVE WITH  
GINKO.

BUT... I  
COULDN'T  
JUST  
DISAPPEAR



WHAM

EVEN IF  
SHE GETS  
LOST IN THE  
INVISIBLE  
STORM!

I HAVE TO  
MAKE SURE  
THAT I DON'T  
BECOME  
INVISIBLE SO  
THAT I CAN  
FIND GINKO...



I DON'T  
HATE  
YOU.

COOL  
PATCH



CHILLY  
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ALTHOUGH  
I DO GET  
ANGRY  
WHEN YOU  
CAUSE  
TROUBLE.



KUREHA!

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BUT YOU  
AREN'T LIKE  
THEM, SO I  
LIKE YOU.

THERE  
ARE A LOT OF  
PEOPLE WHO  
LAUGH BRIGHTLY  
ON THE OUTSIDE  
EVEN THOUGH  
THEIR HEARTS  
ARE BLACK  
AND COLD...

HERE.





YOU'RE  
SO SILLY.



O-OH?  
WE'RE BEST  
FRIENDS  
NOW?

BEST  
FRIENDS!

ISN'T IT  
EXCITING THAT  
WE'RE RIVALS  
IN LOVE EVEN  
THOUGH WE'RE  
FRIENDS?

KUREHA,  
I LOVE  
YOU!



I PUT  
SOME  
OF YOUR  
FAVORITE  
HONEY  
IN IT.



OH,  
THIS IS  
DELI-  
CIOUS!  
♡

AH  
HA  
HA!



HMM... I  
WONDER  
WHAT I  
COULD  
DO...

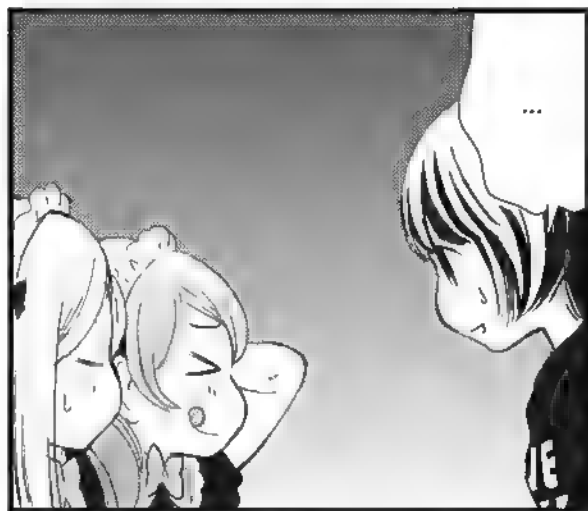
KNOCK  
KNOCK



I NEED TO  
CREATE NAT-  
URAL CIR-  
CUMSTANCES  
THAT WILL  
ALLOW THAT  
TO HAPPEN.

IF I WANT  
KUREHA  
TO LEAVE  
THE DORM  
AND LIVE  
WITH ME...







I GET TO  
STAY UNDER  
THE SAME  
ROOF AS  
RINKO!  
♡

HER BED  
IS HUGE!

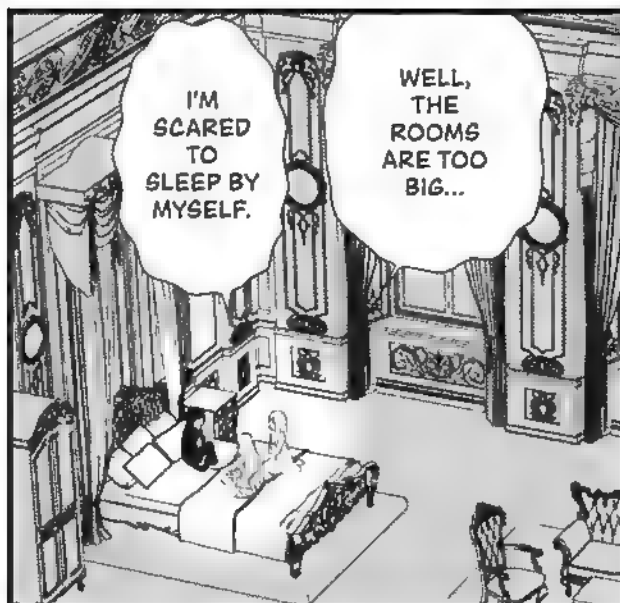
...  
AND  
IT'S SO  
COMFY!

THE BOTH  
OF THEM  
WILL BE  
STAYING  
AT RINKO'S  
HOUSE.

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SQUEAL

Chapter

6



I'M  
SCARED  
TO  
SLEEP BY  
MYSELF.

WELL,  
THE  
ROOMS  
ARE TOO  
BIG...



UM... WHY  
ARE WE ALL  
SLEEPING IN  
MY ROOM?

THERE  
ARE  
PLENTY  
OF GUEST  
ROOMS...



LET'S  
SLEEP TO-  
GETHER!

GET  
OFF  
ME!



I KNEW  
YOU'D  
UNDER-  
STAND  
MY TRUE  
FEELINGS!



YOU  
LIAR.

I DIDN'T  
KNOW  
STALKERS  
WERE SUCH  
COWARDS.



HUH?

KUREHA,  
WAIT!

LULU, WE  
CAN SLEEP  
TOGETHER  
IN A GUEST  
ROOM.



WE'D  
JUST BE  
IN YOUR  
WAY...

OH, I  
GUESS...







BE A  
GOOD  
GIRL AND  
GO TO  
SLEEP.



THAT'S  
NOT FAIR!

I'M GOING  
TO SLEEP  
IN THE  
MIDDLE!

PHEW



WHEN  
DID YOU  
TAKE  
HIM?!

A KIDNAP-  
PING... NO,  
A BEAR-  
NAPPING?!

THAT'S SO  
UNFAIR!

SNICKER くすくすくすくす....

IF YOU  
DON'T,  
SOMETHING  
BAD MIGHT  
HAPPEN TO  
MILNE...



THAT  
WAS  
FAST...

IS SHE  
ASLEEP?

zzz...

I CAN'T  
SLEEP  
UNLESS I'M  
HOLDING  
MILNE...

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SHIT!





YOU REALLY  
LIKE HER,  
DON'T YOU?

I'M DOING  
ALL I CAN TO  
REJECT HER  
ADVANCES!

WHY  
WOULD  
YOU  
THINK  
THAT?



SHE'S  
ALWAYS  
IN MY  
WAY.

TCH  
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OH... BUT  
WOULD I  
HAVE TO  
EXTEND THE  
INVITATION TO  
LULU, TOO?



I JUST  
GET SWEEP  
UP IN HER  
PACE.

I FEEL  
THE  
SAME  
WAY!



SHE REALLY  
IS A STRANGE  
AND FUNNY  
GIRL.

zzz...

...



USUALLY  
YOU SMILE  
AND ACT  
POLITE  
AROUND  
OTHERS...

BUT YOU  
CAN BE  
YOUR  
TRUE SELF  
AROUND  
LULU.



ALL THAT  
TALK ABOUT  
LOVE AND  
BEING HER  
DESTINED  
ONE IS  
ALL HER  
DELUSIONS!

BUT I'M  
SURE  
OF ONE  
THING!



WELL, AT  
THE VERY  
LEAST,  
I DON'T  
HAVE ANY  
MEMORIES  
OF HER...

ARE YOU  
SURE YOU  
AND LULU  
WEREN'T  
FRIENDS  
WHEN  
YOU WERE  
LITTLE?

HEY,  
GINKO...



THEN  
LET'S JUST  
MAKE NEW  
MEMORIES  
FROM  
NOW ON!

IF YOU  
CAN'T  
REMEMBER  
THE PAST...



OH,  
BUT...

I WANT  
TO EAT  
SHIOKARA.

I'LL GRILL  
YOUR  
FAVORITE  
SALMON WITH  
MAYONNAISE  
AND SOY  
SAUCE, MAKE  
MISO SOUP  
AND RICE...

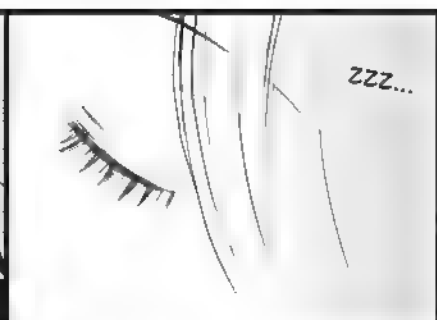
I'M GETTING  
HUNGRY JUST  
THINKING  
ABOUT IT!

YAY!  
♡

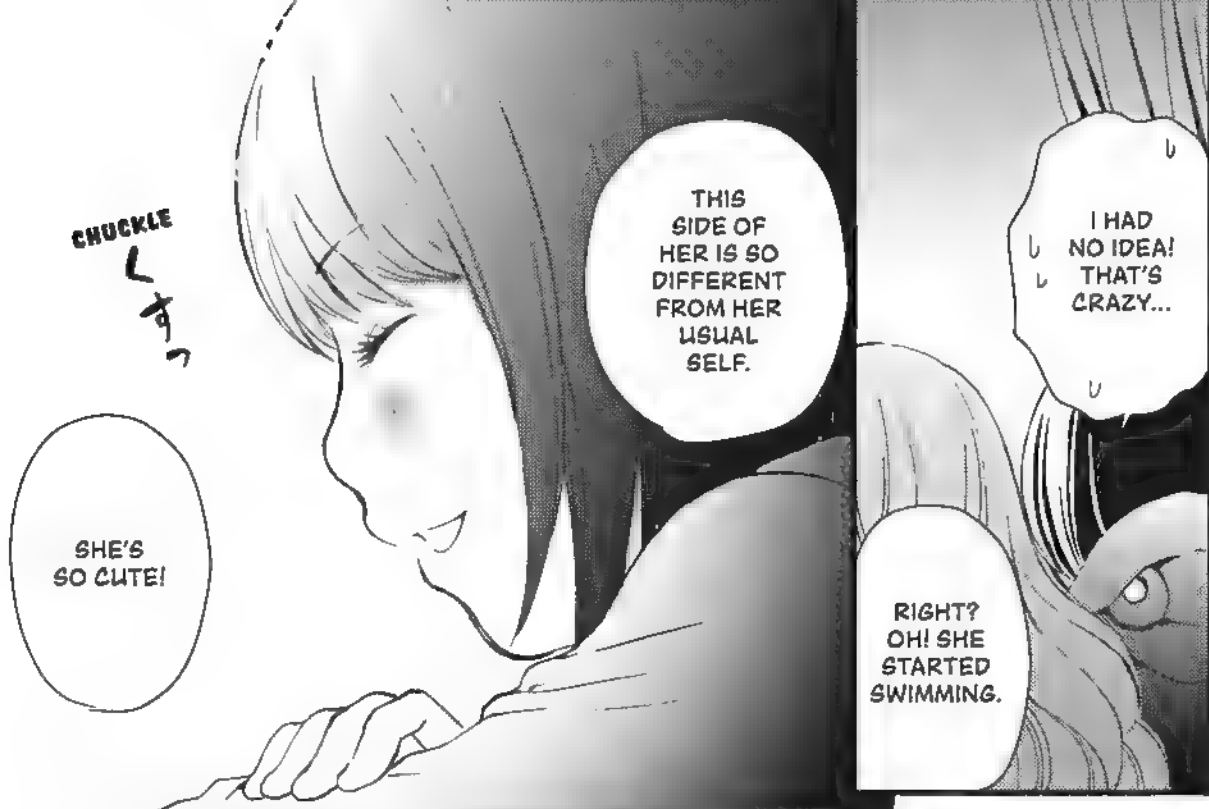


O-O-KAY...

I'LL MAKE  
BREAKFAST  
TOMORROW,  
OKAY?







CHUCKLE

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SHE'S  
SO CUTE!

THIS  
SIDE OF  
HER IS SO  
DIFFERENT  
FROM HER  
USUAL  
SELF.

I HAD  
NO IDEA!  
THAT'S  
CRAZY...

RIGHT?  
OH! SHE  
STARTED  
SWIMMING.



I'M NEVER  
GOING TO  
FORGET  
THIS.



LIKE...  
FOR  
REAL?

YOUR  
LITTLE  
BROTHER?

HE'S MY  
LITTLE  
BROTHER,  
AND HIS  
NAME IS  
MILNE.

HE'S  
NOT A  
STUFFED  
ANIMAL.



IT'S REALLY  
IMPORTANT  
TO YOU,  
RIGHT?

OH, RIGHT.  
HERE'S  
YOUR  
STUFFED  
ANIMAL.





THAT'S  
WHY...

I SEE...



YEAH.  
I DON'T  
REMEMBER  
ANYTHING,  
NOT THAT  
I'VE REALLY  
TRIED TO.

YOU'VE  
REALLY  
FORGOTTEN  
ABOUT ME,  
HAVEN'T  
YOU?



I GAINED A  
LOT OF FUN  
MEMORIES  
TODAY.

...!



BUT NO  
KISSING!

OH, GINKO!  
I LOVE YOU  
SO MUCH!

WE'RE  
FRIENDS!  
JUST  
FRIENDS!

OKAY!



WE  
SHOULD  
BECOME  
FRIENDS.



THAT  
NIGHT,

I DREAMED  
OF BEARS  
FOR THE  
FIRST TIME  
IN A WHILE.

I GUESS  
I'LL GET A  
FUTON.

BY THE  
WAY,  
WHERE  
SHOULD  
WE SLEEP?

BE QUIET,  
OR YOU'LL  
WAKE UP  
KUREHA.



I FINALLY  
FOUND  
YOU TWO!

KUREHA!

AND I WAS  
A SMALL  
CHILD.



GINKO AND  
LULU HAD  
BECOME SMALL  
BEAR CUBS..

WE'VE  
BEEN  
WAITING  
FOR  
YOU!

OH,  
SHE'S  
HERE!

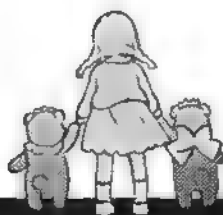
TO KEEP  
IT FROM  
BLOCKING  
OUT THE  
MOONLIGHT!

TO KEEP  
THE INVISIBLE  
STORM FROM  
COMING...

LET'S SING  
TOGETHER...

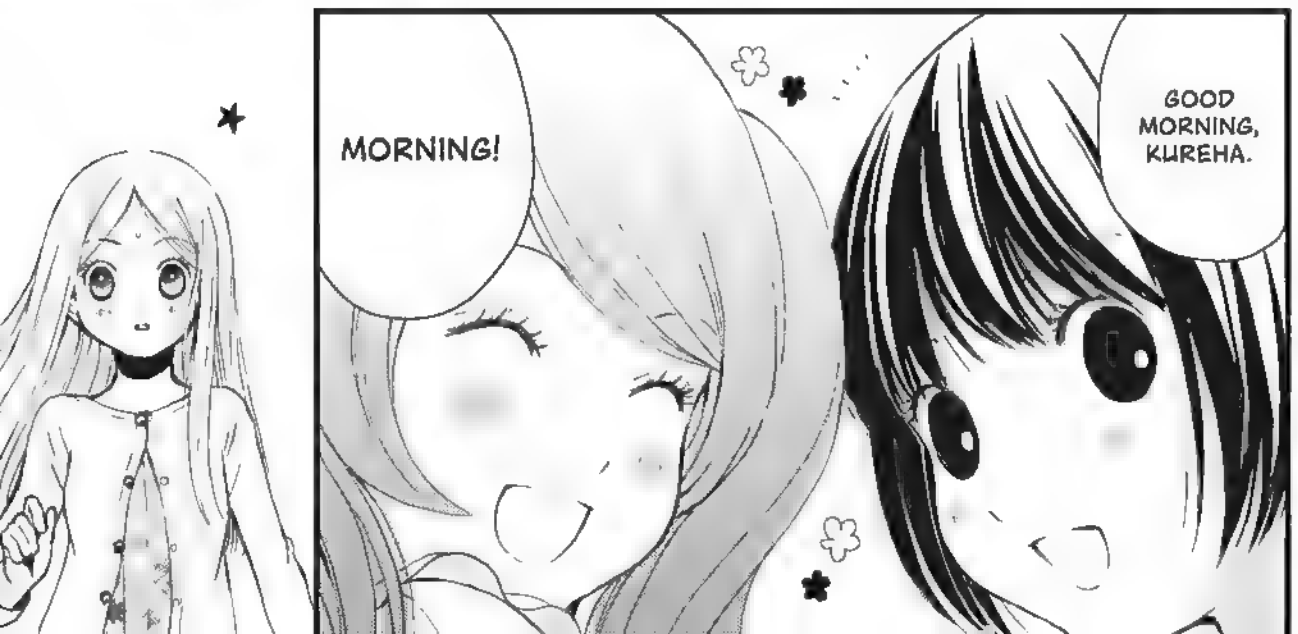
OUR  
VOICES  
ECHOING  
THROUGH  
THE QUIET  
FOREST.

WE SANG  
UNDER THE  
SHINING  
SILVER  
MOON...



IS IT  
MORN-  
ING...?







*ARCHE AND TELOS. BEARS ARE THE BEGINNING AND END OF EVERYTHING.*



THE  
WORLD IS  
MADE UP  
OF BEARS.

Chapter

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ARE THE  
MEMBERS OF  
MY FAMILY,  
DESCENDANTS  
OF THE BEAR  
FOREST  
ROYALTY.

HOWEVER,  
THE ONLY  
PEOPLE  
WHO CAN  
SEE THE  
WORLD AS  
IT TRULY  
IS...

BUT  
THEY'RE  
REALLY  
BEARS.

EVERYONE  
THINKS THAT  
THEY'RE  
HUMANS...





AND MY  
AUNT ON MY  
FATHER'S  
SIDE,  
YURIIKA.

THOSE  
DESCENDANTS  
HAVE BEEN  
WHITTLED  
DOWN TO  
JUST THREE  
PEOPLE.

ME, MY  
MOTHER...

YOU WANT  
TO ALLOW  
LULU AND  
KUREHA TO  
STAY IN OUR  
HOME?

KUREHA  
TSUBAKI?

WON'T  
THE DORM  
REPAIRS  
END SOON?

YES, BUT  
WE HAVE  
PLENTY  
OF ROOMS  
THEY COULD  
USE HERE,  
TOO.

OH, I  
DON'T  
MIND...

BUT  
WHAT  
ABOUT  
YOUR  
MOTHER?

?





FU-FU-FU...

WELL,  
THAT'S  
TRUE.

AH-HA-HA!

LIKE I  
WOULD!

EVERYONE  
WOULD  
LAUGH AT  
ME FOR  
ACTING LIKE  
A CHILD!

*BUT THIS IS  
REALITY.*

*YOU SAY  
YOU CAN'T  
BELIEVE IT?*

*AND AN  
INVISIBLE  
STORM  
BLOWS  
VIOLENTLY  
OVER  
EVERYONE.*



*THIS  
ENTIRE  
WORLD  
IS MADE  
UP OF  
BEARS...*



OH, BUT THE CAT IS COMING AFTER THEM...

WOW!

LOOK, THE SPARROWS ARE SO CUTE!

MEOW

SOMETIMES I THINK THAT I'M THE ONE WHO'S STRANGE.

CHIRP

CHIRP

THOSE AREN'T SPARROWS, THEY'RE BEARS.

YOU TWO ARE, TOO.

THE CATS ARE BEARS.

MEOW

THE HUMANS ARE BEARS.

THE BIRDS ARE BEARS.

I WASN'T SKIPPING. I HAD A FAMILY MATTER TO TAKE CARE OF.

SKIPPING SCHOOL IS AGAINST THE RULES, YOU KNOW.

IT'S ALREADY LUNCH TIME.

EVERYONE IS A BEAR, BUT NO ONE HAS NOTICED.

YEP. GOOD MORNING!

GINKO, ARE YOU JUST NOW GETTING TO SCHOOL?







KUREHA...

GINKO!

SHE WAS  
A REAL  
GIRL...

AND MY  
SOULMATE...

BUT I MET  
SOMEONE...

WHO WASN'T  
JUST A BEAR  
LIVING IN THE  
TRANSIENT  
WORLD.



I WANT  
KUREHA TO  
KNOW ABOUT  
THE REAL ME.



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WHAT?

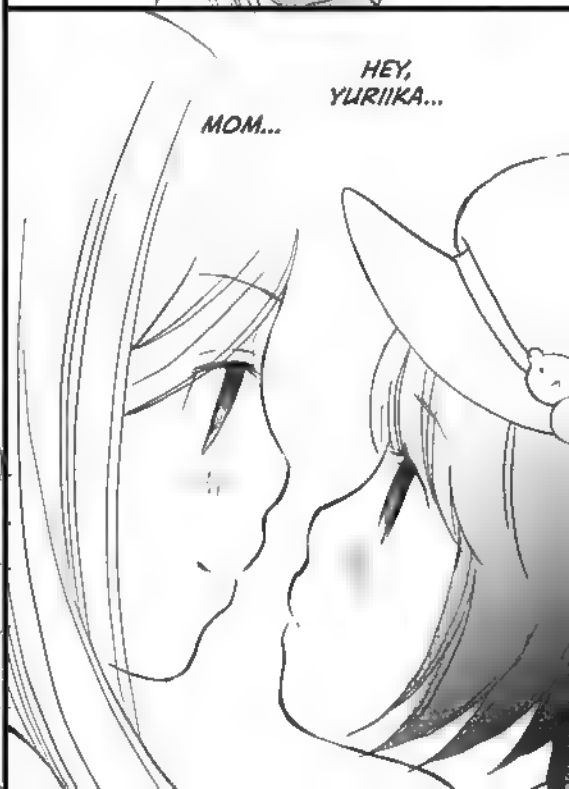


A  
HUMAN!

I KNEW IT.  
KUREHA IS  
THE ONLY  
NON-BEAR IN  
THIS WORLD.

SQUEEZE  
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YES.  
WHAT  
ELSE  
WOULD  
I BE?!



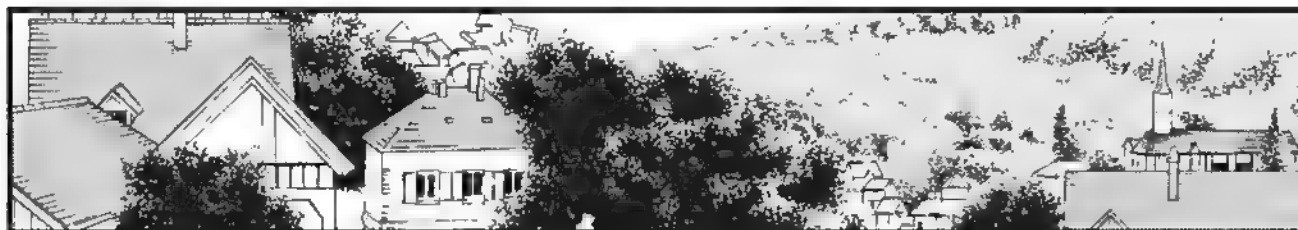
HEY,  
YURIKA...  
MOM...





SO I'M SURE  
SHE WAS GLAD  
TO HAVE AN  
EXCUSE TO  
GO SEE HER.

YURIIKA  
LOVES MY  
MOM...



WHAT  
DO YOU  
WANT?



WHO  
IS IT?

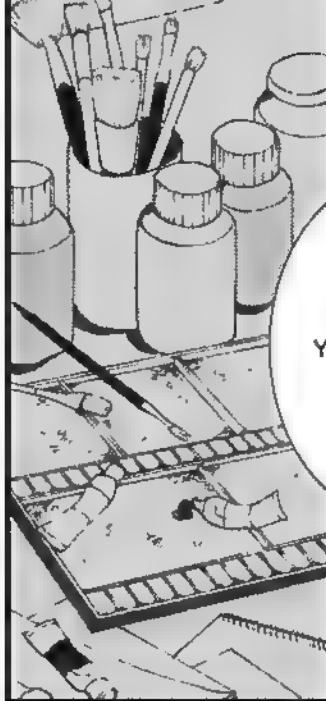
IT'S  
ME.

OH.



I WANT  
TO ASK  
FOR  
ADVICE  
ABOUT  
GINKO.

OH...



I SUPPOSE  
YOU HAVEN'T  
READ IT.



I SENT  
YOU A  
MESSAGE.



IT MUST  
BE NICE  
TO HAVE  
SIBLINGS.

SO  
YURIIKA  
AND YOUR  
MOM ARE  
CLOSE?

BECAUSE  
YURIIKA  
IS MY  
DAD'S  
LITTLE  
SISTER.

YEAH, BUT  
TECHNICALLY  
THEY'RE ONLY  
IN-LAWS,



AT LEAST  
FACE M—

IT'S  
SOMETHING  
IMPORTANT,  
SO LISTEN  
UP!



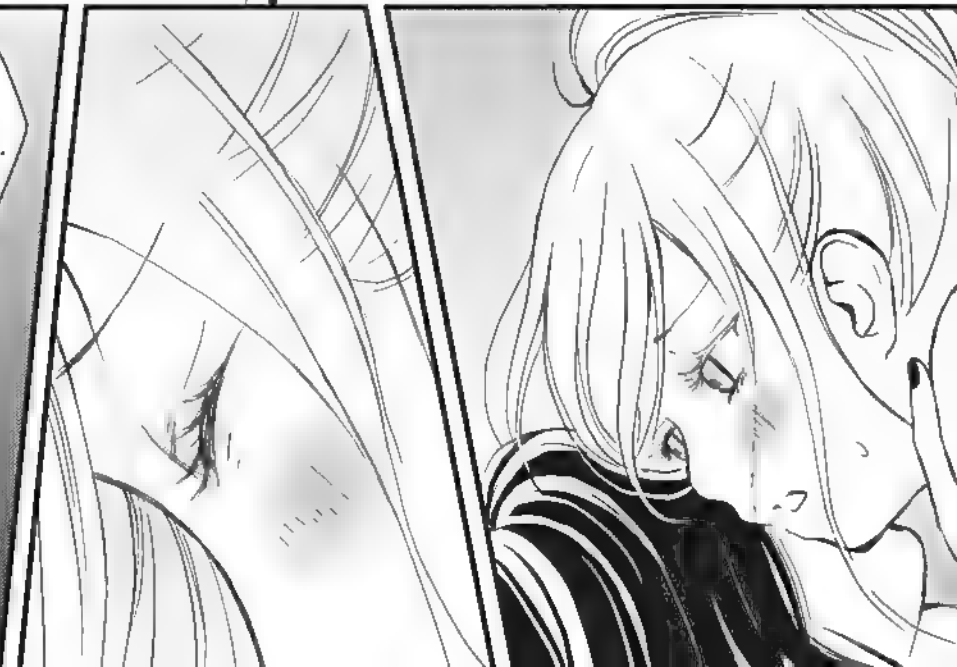
I DON'T  
THINK IT  
MATTERS  
IF THEY'RE  
RELATED  
OR NOT.

YEAH, I  
AGREE.

IF YOU  
REALLY LOVE  
SOMEONE,  
STUFF LIKE  
THAT DOESN'T  
MATTER.

GOOD  
GRIEF...

I DIDN'T  
COME  
HERE  
TO DO  
THIS, YOU  
KNOW.





YOU'RE  
HER  
MOTHER!

YOU'VE  
GOT  
TO BE  
KIDDING  
ME.

DID  
SOMETHING  
HAPPEN  
TO HER?



I TOLD YOU I  
CAME HERE  
FOR ADVICE  
ABOUT GINKO,  
DIDN'T I?

WAIT...  
REALLY?

OH, NOW  
THAT YOU  
MENTION  
IT...

THEN YOU  
SHOULD  
LET THEM.

GINKO SAYS  
SHE WANTS  
THEM TO MOVE  
IN WITH US.

WOW.

AND NOT  
JUST ON THE  
SURFACE.  
THEY REALLY  
GET ALONG.

SHE  
MADE  
FRIENDS.

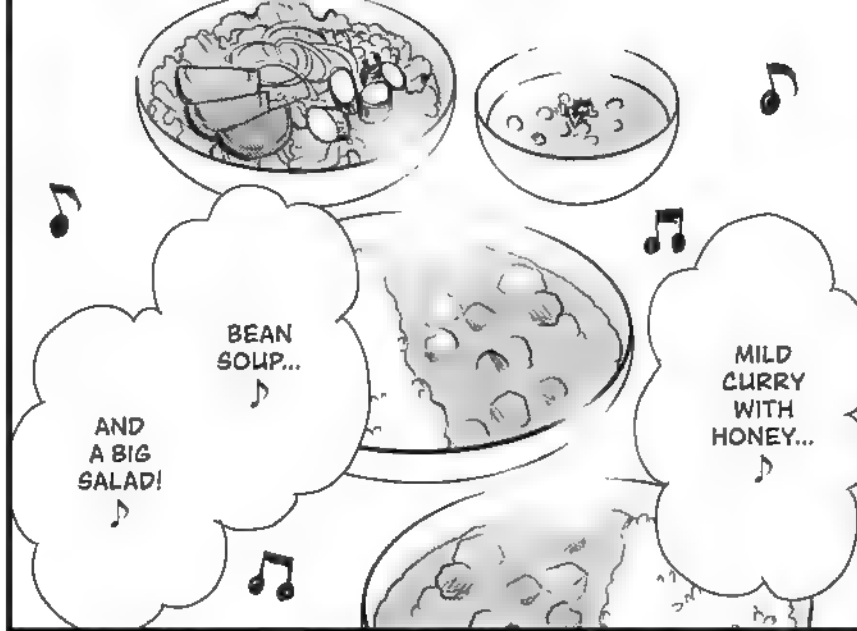


LEIA'S  
DAUGHTER.

ONE OF  
THEM IS  
KUREHA  
TSUBAKI...

ARE YOU  
SURE?









HELLO?

YEAH,  
I'M FINE.

GO  
AHEAD  
AND EAT  
WITHOUT  
ME.

OH, UM,  
IT'S FROM  
MY MOM.

WHAT'S  
UP?



SHE  
LOOKED  
REALLY  
HAPPY  
JUST NOW.

YEAH!



LULU AND  
KUREHA,  
RIGHT?

I HEARD  
THAT YOU  
MADE  
FRIENDS.

IT'S RARE  
FOR YOU TO  
CALL ME.



I WONDER  
WHAT  
HER MOM  
IS LIKE.

I HAVEN'T  
MET THE  
QUEEN,  
EITHER!



WH-WHY  
WOULD  
YOU  
BRING  
THAT UP?

BECAUSE  
YOU'RE MY  
PRECIOUS  
DAUGHTER

I UNDER-  
STAND...



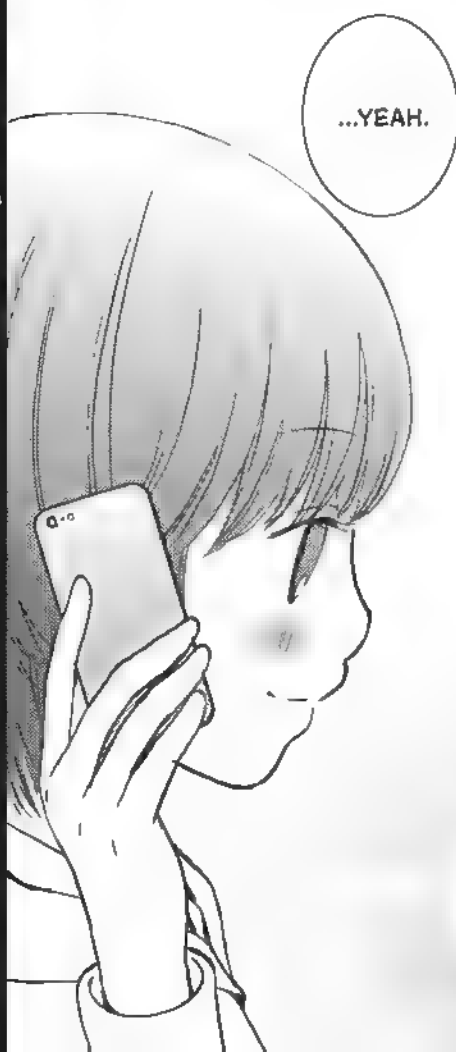
GINKO,  
YOU FELL IN  
LOVE WITH  
KUREHA,  
DIDN'T  
YOU?

YOU LIKE  
A HUMAN  
GIRL, NOT  
A BEAR.



BUT...

SHE WILL  
NEVER  
LOVE YOU  
THE WAY  
YOU LOVE  
HER.



...YEAH.



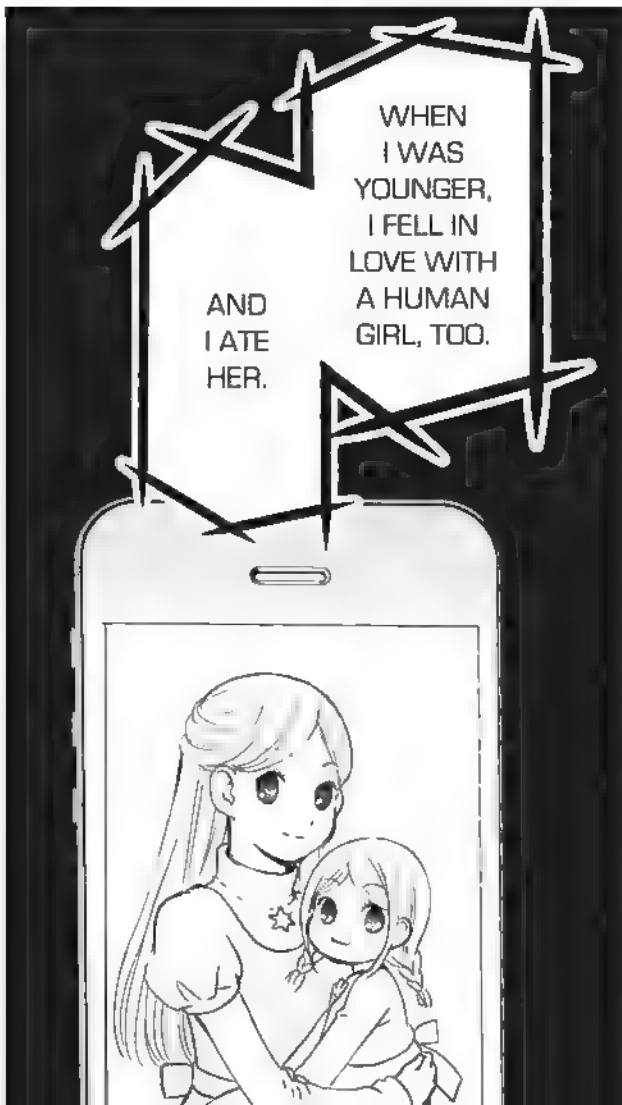


YOU'RE  
MY CHILD,  
AFTER ALL.

I-I'M NOT  
GOING TO  
EAT HER!

SHE'LL  
DIE IF  
I DO!

IT'S OKAY.  
I KNOW  
YOU'LL BE  
ABLE TO  
EAT HER.



WHEN  
I WAS  
YOUNGER,  
I FELL IN  
LOVE WITH  
A HUMAN  
GIRL, TOO.  
  
AND  
I ATE  
HER.



WHAT'S  
TAKING HER  
SO LONG?  
HER CURRY  
IS GOING  
COLD.

YOU TWO  
REALLY  
DO LOOK  
ALIKE!

OH, IS THAT  
WALLPAPER  
A PICTURE OF  
YOUR MOM?

YEAH.  
AND IT'S  
ALREADY  
SO LATE.

REALLY?







I LOVED  
MY MOM.

EVEN IF THE  
TRUTH IS HARD  
TO SWALLOW.

I WANT TO  
KNOW WHAT  
REALLY  
HAPPENED.



YEAH...IT  
MIGHT BE  
BETTER  
IF I DON'T  
KNOW.

BUT ONE  
DAY I PLAN  
ON ASKING  
THEM FOR  
A STRAIGHT  
ANSWER...



IN THAT  
CASE...

I JUST HAVE  
TO MAKE SURE  
SHE DOESN'T  
FIND OUT I'M A  
BEAR, RIGHT?



ALL YOU  
CAN DO IS  
DEVOUR  
HER.

KUREHA  
WOULD  
NEVER  
LOVE YOU IF  
SHE KNEW  
WHAT YOU  
REALLY ARE.

BEARS  
EAT HUMANS,  
AND HUMANS  
ARE AFRAID  
OF BEARS.







SHE  
REALLY  
STANDS  
OUT...

JUST ONE  
HUMAN  
GIRL  
IN THE  
MIDST  
OF ALL  
THOSE  
BEARS.

OH, IT'S  
KUREHA.

I WONDER  
WHERE SHE'S  
GOING.



I'M NOT  
GOING TO  
EAT HER.  
I'M NOT!

NO, NO,  
NO!

SHE  
LOOKS DE-  
LICIOUS...

GULP  
!!



DO  
I LOOK  
GOOD?

A  
RABBIT?!

BUT IF  
IT'S JUST  
A LICK...

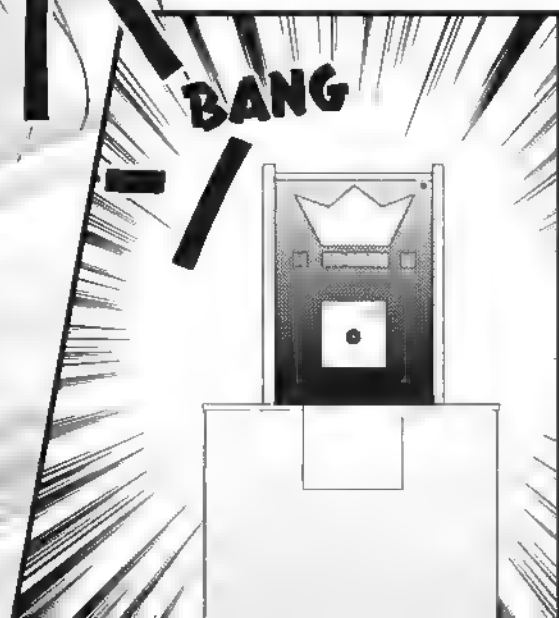
KUREHA  
IS GOING  
TO HER  
CLUB.







SHE'S IN  
THE RIFLE  
SHOOTING  
CLUB!



BANG



AND  
THEY'RE  
RIGHT  
IN THE  
CENTER!

AMAZING!  
ALL OF  
THEM HIT  
THE MARK!



W-W-WAIT  
JUST ONE  
SECOND!

TREMBLE  
TREMBLE

WE CAME  
TO SEE YOU  
AND YOUR  
CLUB!

GINKO,  
LULU, WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING  
HERE?



SHRIEK

YES,  
ABROAD.

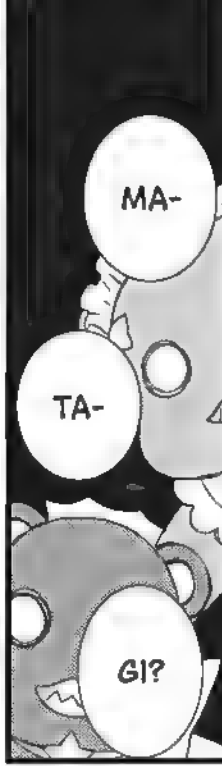
BUT YOU'VE  
SHOT REAL  
RIFLES  
BEFORE,  
RIGHT?

THIS IS  
JUST A LASER  
RIFLE, USED  
IN SHOOTING  
SPORTS.

I-IS IT FOR  
HUNTING?  
WHAT ARE  
THEY GOING  
TO HUNT?!

WHY IS  
THERE A  
SHOOTING  
RANGE  
IN OUR  
SCHOOL?

WH-WHY  
WERE YOU  
SHOOTING  
REAL GUNS?









OH...



I DON'T THINK I CAN, EITHER.

TH-THAT'S RIGHT!

GINKO AND I ARE ALLERGIC TO BEARS, SO WE CAN'T EAT BEAR MEAT.



...



I'M REALLY SORRY, KUREHA!

DO YOU HAVE AN ALLERGY, TOO?



THIS IS SO CUTE!

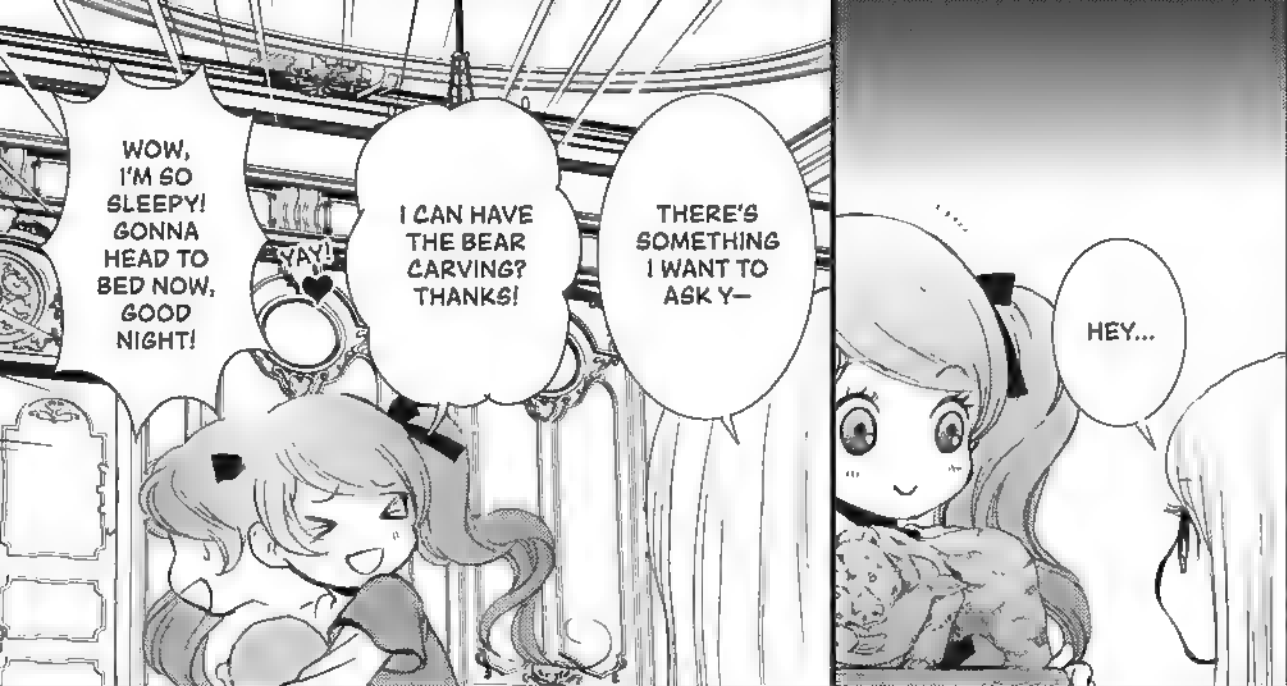
YOU CAN HAVE IT IF YOU WANT.

BUT IF YOU HAVE AN ALLERGY, THEN I SHOULDN'T KEEP THE PELTS EITHER.

I CAN'T EAT ALL THIS MEAT BY MYSELF.

I GUESS I'LL JUST SEND IT BACK TO HIM...





TO EAT, OR NOT TO EAT...

THAT IS THE QUESTION!

WAH!





IN THIS CASE,  
I BELIEVE "OR TO  
BE EATEN" IS MORE  
APPROPRIATE  
THAN "OR NOT  
TO EAT."

UGH...



JUST  
WANTED  
TO QUOTE  
A BIT OF  
HAMLET.

WH-  
WHAT'S  
WITH  
THAT?



TO THINK  
THAT KUREHA  
WOULD ENJOY  
EATING BEAR  
MEAT...

THEY'RE  
COMPLETE  
SAVAGES!

HUMANS  
WILL EAT  
ANYTHING!



OF COURSE  
YOU SHOULD  
EAT HER!

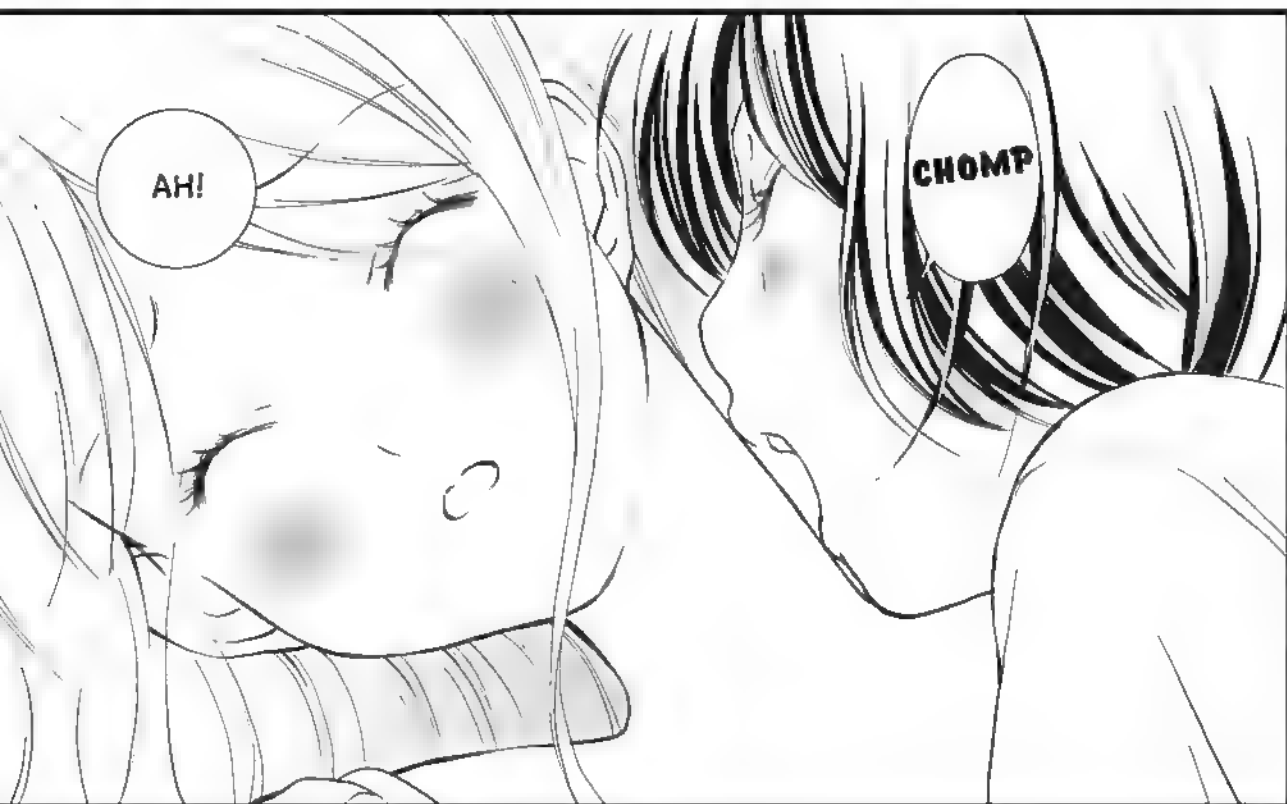
MOM?!



TO EAT,  
OR TO BE  
EATEN...?

LET ME  
ASK ONCE  
MORE.





OH...

I KNEW IT.

SHE'S SO DELICIOUS...





I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT  
I SHOULD  
DO...

WHY  
ARE YOU  
CRYING?

BUT  
YOU'LL  
DIE IF I  
DO, AND  
I DON'T  
WANT  
THAT.

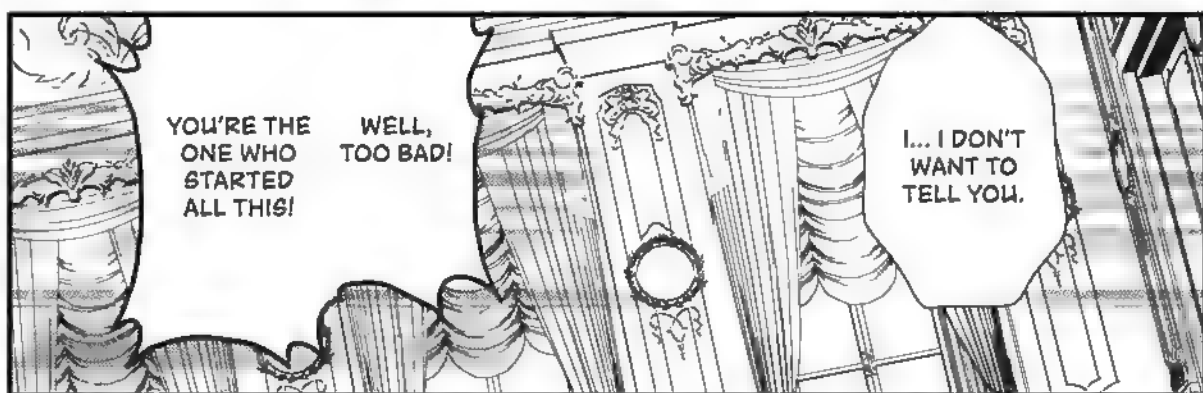
I REALLY  
WANT  
TO EAT  
YOU...



TELL ME  
WHY YOU'RE  
CRYING IN A  
WAY I CAN  
UNDERSTAND!

I'M THE  
ONE WHO'S  
CONFUSED  
HERE!

GEEZ...



YOU'RE THE  
ONE WHO  
STARTED  
ALL THIS!

WELL,  
TOO BAD!

I... I DON'T  
WANT TO  
TELL YOU.



EVEN  
THOUGH  
WE'RE  
FRIENDS!

YURIKA AND  
LULU KNOW  
ABOUT IT.

I'M THE  
ONLY WHO  
DOESN'T  
KNOW...

IT'S KIND  
OF CUTE...

PLEASE  
TELL ME...

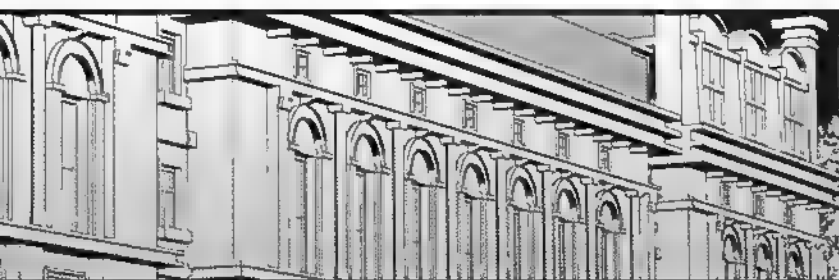
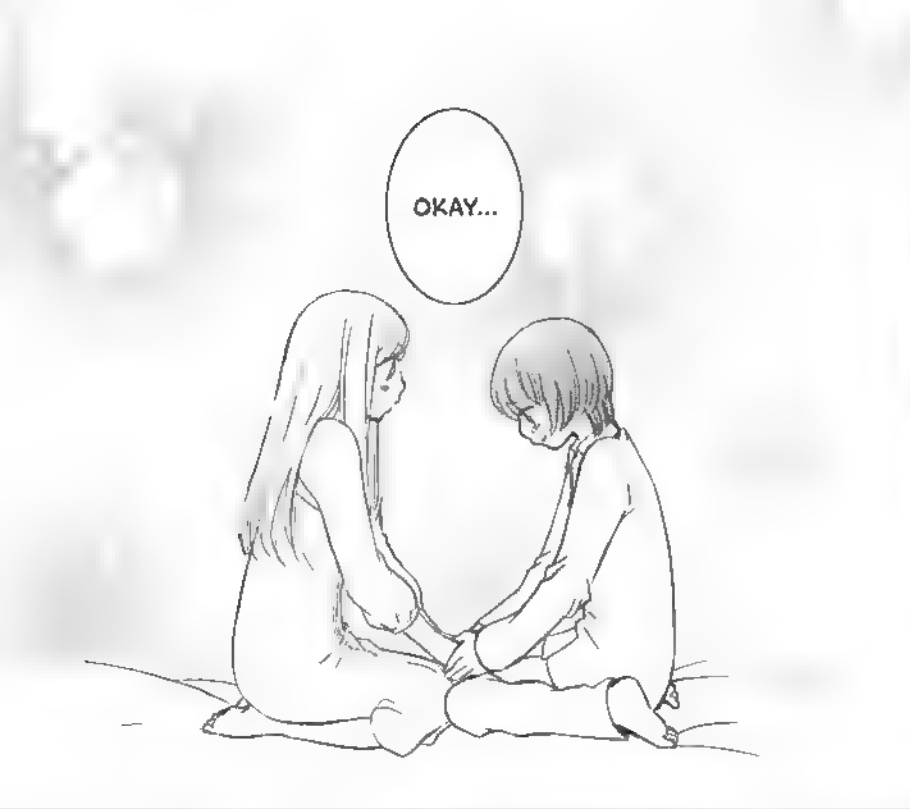
BUT...

KUREHA  
IS ANGRY  
AT ME...

TELL  
ME!

I WANT  
TO KNOW  
WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON.

I REALLY  
LIKE YOU,  
GINKO.





I KNOW.  
ISN'T IT  
CRAZY?

TO THINK  
THE ENTIRE  
WORLD IS  
MADE UP OF  
BEARS...

STILL,  
THIS IS  
MORE  
SURPRISING  
THAN SPACE  
BEARS.

YEAH.  
GINKO  
TOLD ME.

HAVE YOU  
KNOWN SINCE  
YOU WERE  
LITTLE?



YEAH.

AND ONLY  
GINKO CAN  
SEE THEM...



DON'T  
YOU THINK  
IT'S ALL  
JUST HER  
DELUSION,  
THOUGH?

I DO.

SHE'S  
BEEN ALL  
ALONE  
IN THAT  
INVISIBLE  
STORM.



IN THE BEAR  
WORLD THAT  
HER MOTHER,  
THE QUEEN,  
CREATED.

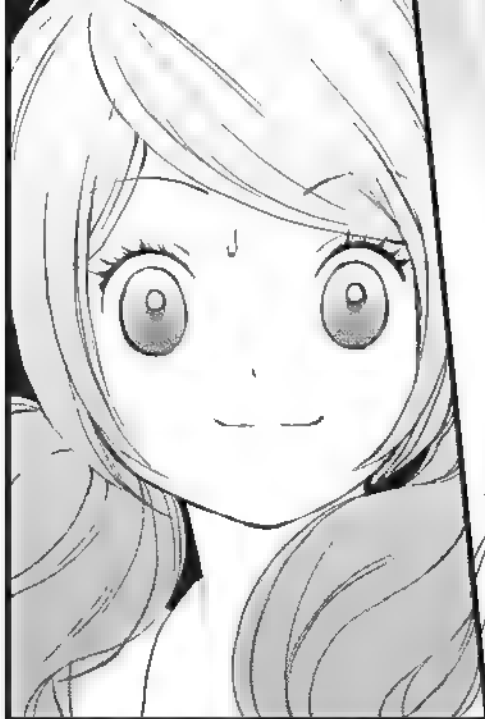
GINKO  
HAS BEEN  
LOCKED  
UP...

YOU ONLY  
THINK THAT  
BECAUSE  
YOUR  
PARENTS  
LOVED YOU.

WHY  
DO IT TO  
HER OWN  
CHILD?

GINKO'S  
MOM DID  
THIS?

IN THAT  
CASE...



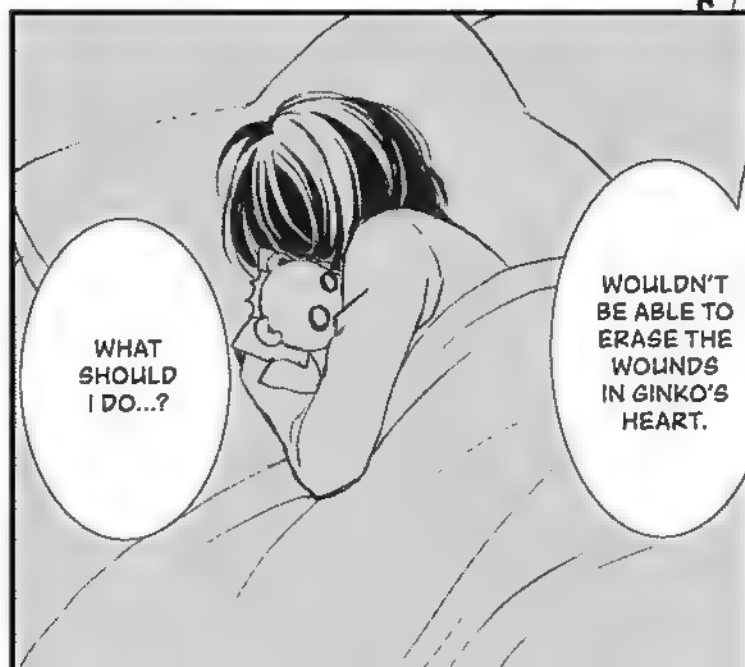
I'LL JUST  
HAVE TO  
SHOOT  
THE EVIL  
BEAR  
QUEEN...

THAT'S  
A LASER  
RIFLE,  
ISN'T IT?

SH-  
SHOOT  
HER?

YEAH.  
I GUESS IT  
WOULDN'T  
WORK.

AND  
SAVE  
GINKO!



WHAT  
SHOULD  
I DO...?

WOULDN'T  
BE ABLE TO  
ERASE THE  
WOUNDS  
IN GINKO'S  
HEART.

BUT  
EVEN  
A REAL  
GUN...





Bonus Chapter



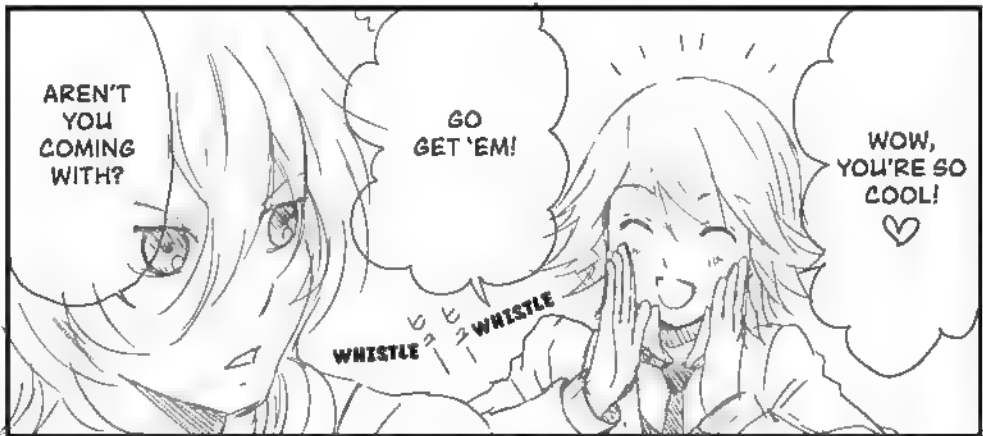
# (Not) Yuri Bear Storm!

THESE ARE  
STORIES  
AND  
IDEAS...

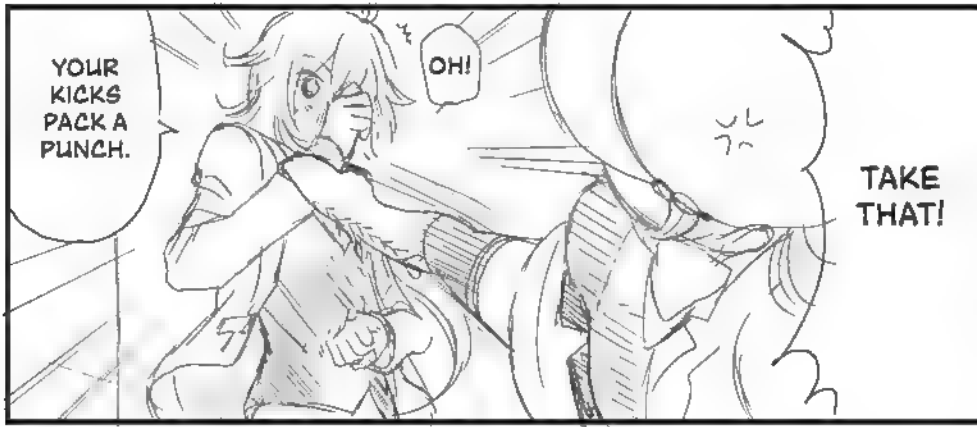
THAT DIDN'T  
MAKE IT INTO  
THE MANGA  
DUE TO PAGE  
LIMITATIONS,  
ETC.



## Chapter 2: Cut Scene



## Chapter 5: An Idea I Thought of Later



## Chapter 8: Cut Scene (The Next Morning)





YES...

I'M SURE  
IT HAS  
GIVEN YOU  
A CHANCE  
TO SEE THE  
GOOD AND  
BAD IN EACH  
OTHER.

BY THE  
WAY, I HEARD  
THAT YOU TWO  
ARE LIVING  
TOGETHER  
NOW.



I WILL!

DO  
YOUR  
BEST.

BUT IT ALSO  
MEANS THAT  
YOU HOLD  
IMPORTANT  
PLACES IN  
EACH OTHER'S  
LIVES.



IT'S  
FRESHER  
THAN THE  
USUAL HET-  
EROSEXUAL  
PAIRING.

IT'S A  
RARE  
PAIRING,  
BUT I THINK  
IT'S WON-  
DERFUL.

TWO  
GIRLS TO-  
GETHER,  
HUH?

NOW  
I GET  
IT...



WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT?

CONGRATS!  
I HOPE YOU  
TWO FIND  
HAPPINESS.

OH, AND  
I DON'T  
MEAN THAT  
IN A BAD  
WAY. (LIE)

A scene that almost made it in but was cut due to page limitations...



END



**YURIKUMA  
ARASHI**

**Yuri Bear Storm**

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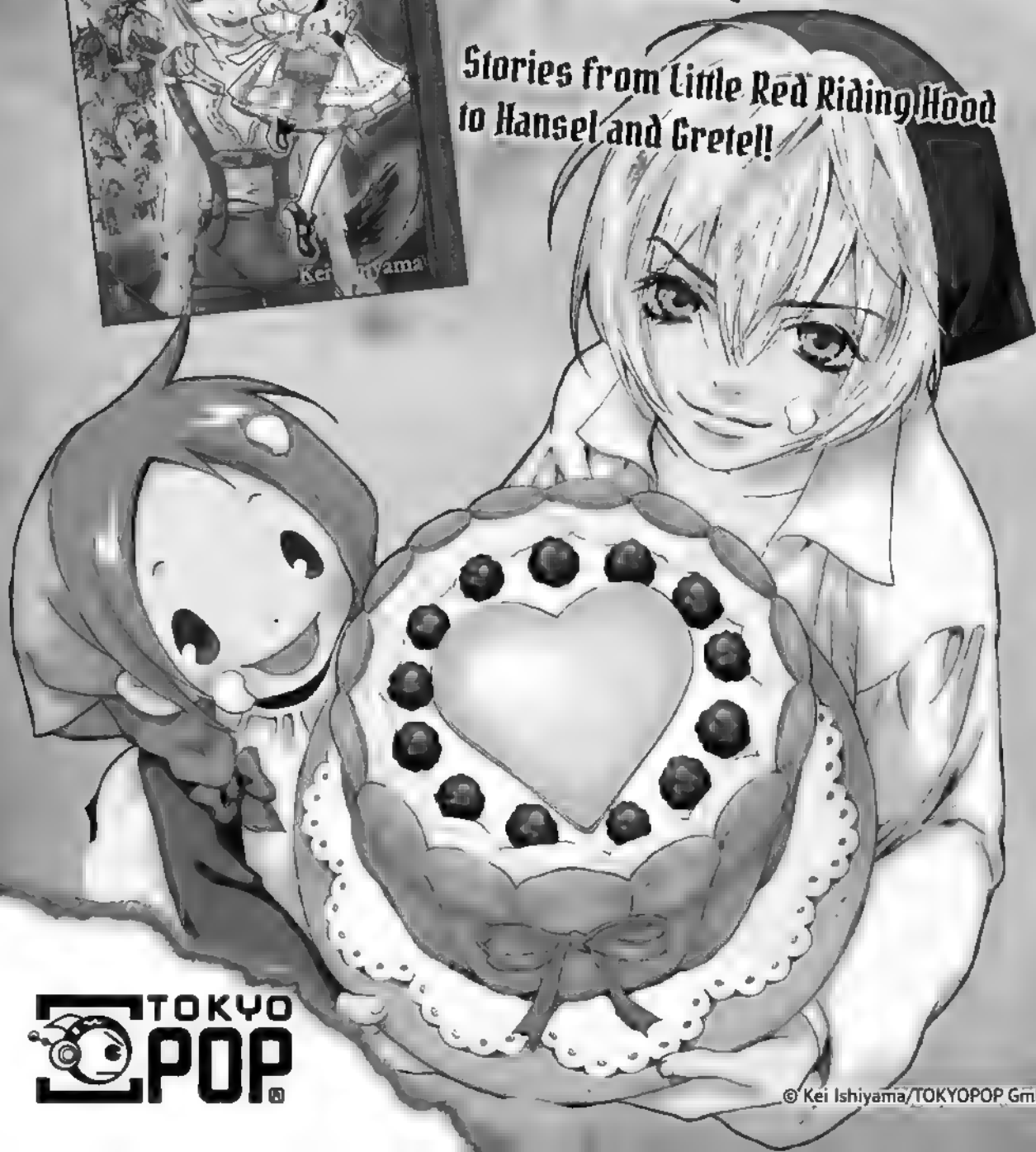
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